

La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School

I. POSITION:

In support of New Mexico Department of Health regulations, La Academia Dolores Huerta (LADH) requires that all students meet the State’s immunization requirements before enrollment.

II. RECORD KEEPING:

Immunization requirements may change from academic year to academic year. LADH will refer to the New Mexico Department of Health website to obtain the most current requirements.

- A. Parents will provide LADH office staff or school nurse with an up-to-date immunization record, in accordance with the Immunization Schedule and rules and regulations of the Public Health Division.
- B. LADH office staff or school nurse will copy the student’s immunization record, place the copy in the student’s Cumulative Health Record, and return the record to the parent/guardian.
- C. LADH staff or school nurse will maintain a record of the current immunization status of each enrolled student. These records will be made available to public health authorities.
- D. LADH staff or nurse will review immunization records and notify LADH Principal of those students who are not current with their immunizations.
- E. LADH Principal will inform parents/guardians that student cannot be enrolled or will be disenrolled because of their non-current status.
- F. Any parent/guardian who neglects and/or refuses to comply with the New Mexico Department of Health regulations will be reported.

III. ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES:

LADH Principal, office staff, and school nurse will assist families to meet New Mexico immunization requirements by:

- A. Reviewing immunization record and identifying missing immunizations;
- B. Proving parents/guardians with resources to obtain immunization records for immunizations received in New Mexico (i.e. VaxViewNM.org);
- C. Contacting previous school to obtain student’s health record;
- D. Providing parents/guardians with contact information for New Mexico Immunization Program and free clinics.

IV. IMMUNIZATION EXCEPTIONS:

Granted exceptions from required immunizations are valid for the academic year (i.e., 9-months) the student is currently enrolled in and will not be extended past that year. Pursuant 6.12.2.8 NMAC, the following is required for a student to be exempt from immunizations:

- A. Medical Exceptions: A signed statement from a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner identifying one of the following acceptable reasons for medical exceptions:
 - Allergy to a component of the vaccine
 - Immunosuppression when live vaccine is needed
 - History of severe adverse reaction
 - Immunization would result in the endangerment of life or health of the student
- B. Conscientious Objection: Parents/guardians may present exemptions granted by the Public Health Division on the basis of:
 - recognized and verified religious denomination/beliefs do not permit the administration of vaccine or other immunizing agent.

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V. DISENROLLMENT:

LADH staff and school nurse will make every effort to help families meet the immunization requirements set forth by the New Mexico Department of Health. Only after all available resources have been exhausted for the obtainment of required immunizations or exception of required immunizations will disenrollment proceeding be considered and commenced.

