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SUBJECT: Change to student immunization policy for SY 2010-11

This Weekly Packet addresses immediate changes to the grace period for students to meet DoDEA immunization requirements prior to enrollment. This change is effective the first day of school SY10-11.

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, through the Council of State Governments, was developed to address various issues regarding the education of dependents of military personnel. To date, thirty-five states have enacted the compact and legislation is being actively considered in three other states and the District of Columbia.

While DoDEA cannot participate as a member of the Compact, DoDEA has agreed to abide by the Compact provisions covering class placement, records transfer, immunization requirements, course placement, graduation requirements, exit testing, and extra-curricular opportunities.

To mirror the Interstate Compact regarding student immunizations, DoDEA shall give thirty (30) days from the date of enrollment, for students to obtain the required immunization(s). For a series of immunizations, initial vaccinations must be obtained within thirty (30) days from the date of enrollment. This is a change from the previous 10-day grace period.

Students who participate in any activities in a DoDEA school are required to be immunization compliant. This policy includes students who receive their education outside of the DoDEA school setting, but use the school facilities for any activity including, but not limited to, computer labs, media centers, extra-curricular activities or any other activities or programs.

The school principal is responsible for ensuring that every student in his/her school is compliant with the DoDEA immunization requirements within the given timeframe. A student may not remain in school beyond the 30-day grace period if his/her immunizations are non-compliant. The school nurse is accountable for maintaining compliance and is responsible for notifying the principal of all instances of non-compliance.

The DoDEA immunization guidance outlined in DoDEA Manual 2942.0, “School Health Services Guide”, March 2004 , the DoDEA Administrators’ Guide, part 2 and the DoDEA website will be updated to address the change to the immunization procedures.

For additional clarification, the headquarters point-of-contact is David Cantrell who may be reached via e-mail david.cantrell@hq.dodea.edu or phone at (703) 588-3147.

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