

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS  
HIGH SCHOOL

**HEALTH SERVICES POLICY**

The purpose of this First Amended Health Services Policy is to provide procedures and evidence of health services for students of the New Mexico School for the Arts (the "School"), a statewide public high school.

**Immunization of Students**

Subject to the exemptions as provided by law, no student shall be enrolled in the School unless the student can present satisfactory evidence of commencement and completion of immunization in accordance with the immunization schedule and rules and regulations of the public health division, except that a homeless student shall not be prevented from attendance until the fifth (5th) calendar day after enrollment.

A student is exempt from immunization pursuant to Section 6.12.2.8 NMAC upon filing with the governing authority:

- (1) a statement or certificate signed by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner stating that the physical condition of the person seeking enrollment is such that immunization would seriously endanger the life or health of the person;
- (2) an exemption granted by the public health division on the basis of;
  - i. notarized affidavits or written affirmation from an officer of a recognized religious denomination that such student's parents or guardians are bona fide members of a denomination whose religious teaching requires reliance upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing; or
  - ii. notarized affidavits or written affirmation from the student's parent or legal guardian that the student's religious beliefs, held either individually or jointly with others, do not permit the administration of vaccine or other immunizing agent. Exemption from obtaining the required immunizations is valid for a period not to exceed nine (9) months and will not extend beyond the end of the school year in which the student is currently enrolled.

Any student with serologic confirmation of the presence of specific antibodies against a vaccine preventable disease shall not be subject to immunization against that disease as a condition for attending school.

The school will cooperate with health departments in programs of immunization. Parents' permission must be secured before a student may participate in such immunization projects.

The School will maintain a current record showing the required immunization status of every student enrolled or attending the School and make the record available to public health authorities.

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**Medications in School**

It is the policy of the School to adhere to and comply with the policies, directives and procedures regarding medication as set forth in the New Mexico School Health Manual and the Student/Family Handbook. Updated copies of the New Mexico School Health Manual will be maintained in the Head of School's office. In the event that the student is a residential student with the School for the Arts - NM, the head Resident Advisor shall be notified of the medical issues related to the student along with the parent/guardian of the student.

The School will authorize a student to carry and self-administer health care practitioner prescribed asthma treatment medications and anaphylaxis emergency treatment medication if the student complies with the School's procedures for such medications.

Prescribed medications may be taken by students at School and the School will assist in the self-administration or will administer medication, depending upon the medication and the age and capability of the student, provided that the student complies with the School's procedures for prescribed medications.

**HIV/AIDS**

The School will provide appropriate access to education to all students who are infected with HIV. The School will protect the rights to privacy of all students and employees of the School who are infected with HIV. The School will provide instruction about HIV and related issues in the curriculum of the required health education and will involve parents, staff and students in the development of School procedures concerning HIV and the review of related instructional materials.

This Health Services Policy was amended by the Governing Council of the New Mexico School for the Arts, effective July 11, 2014.

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ATTEST;



SHERRY THOMPSON, Chair  
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