

Kindergarten and 7th grade students 2010-2011 school year Notice

Updated immunization forms are required in the fall of 2010 for St. Michael students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade.

We are following the Prior Lake-Savage district policy of NO SHOTS, NO SCHOOL (or proof of exemption) policy.

It is essential that the Pupil Immunization Record that was given to all 6th grade students at conference and to all incoming kindergarten students be completely filled out with required signatures prior to the start of school on September 7th.

Your child will be unable to start school if they are not in compliance with the immunization law.

For information about what immunizations are required, go to the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools website and click on Health Services and then click Immunizations.

Starting on September 1, 2010, for children enrolling in kindergarten and seventh grade, Minnesota schools will no longer accept a parent/guardian signature as proof that a child has had the chickenpox. A doctor will need to sign the form saying that the child does not need to get the varicella shot(s) because:

- They are already immune because they have had the chickenpox disease that was either laboratory confirmed, medically diagnosed, or described well enough to the doctor by the parent/guardian to clearly indicate the disease
- They have a medical reason for not getting the shot(s).
- They have had a lab test showing that they are immune to chickenpox.
- As with all immunizations required for school, children whose parents are conscientiously opposed to immunization may also receive an exemption.

If a student entering 7th grade has already had varicella disease and it has been previously documented by a parent's signature, the signature is acceptable for the school immunization law because it was documented before the change took place.

For more information about immunizations and Minnesota's School Immunization Law, call or visit the website of the Minnesota Department of Health Immunization Program.

651-201-5503

<http://www.health.state.mn/immunize>

I thank you for your attention in keeping St. Michael School in compliancy in 2010.

Health Office