

Immunization Requirements for High School Students

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in compliance with the guidelines established by the State of Indiana requires that all students be current on certain mandated immunizations in order to attend school. The parent/guardian needs to provide a current record of immunizations by the student's first day of school here at Marian High School.

Please make sure that the information is read carefully, as the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Education have made some mandatory changes to be initiated for the 2011-2012 school year.

Please note the minimum number of immunizations required according to grade:

9th-12th Grade

5 DTaP

2 MMR

4 Polio

1 Meningitis

3 Hepatitis B

1 Pertussis

2 Varicella or a history of Chicken Pox Disease with a written statement from the parent/guardian including the month and year.

The State of Indiana recognizes only 2 reasons for non-immunization of children.

One is medical. If your child has a medical reason for not being immunized, there is a form that must be filled out **annually**. A physician is the only health care provider that is able to sign this form. **The second reason is religious.** If religion is the reason, the parent must sign a form **annually**. **These forms are due on the first day of school.** *By law, the State of Indiana does not recognize philosophical reasons for objection to immunize so that may not be submitted as a reason.*

If your student is missing immunizations and you are working with your health care provider to get these immunizations completed please notify the School Nurse, Mrs. Cseh. Please promptly send in a copy of the updated immunization record to Mrs. Cseh so the student's health record can be updated.

You may send in the information during the summer months to the school office to the attention of Mrs. Cseh. Faxed copies will also be accepted.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deb Cseh, RN

Marian High School

School Nurse