

**The Joy School  
Immunization Policy  
effective July 1, 2015**

Every student enrolled in The Joy School shall be immunized against vaccine preventable diseases caused by infectious agents in accordance with the immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Attendance at The Joy School is contingent on students being current on all required immunizations. Prior to the first day of school, all students must present valid written evidence to The Joy School, from their treating physician (M.D. or D.O.), reflecting that all required immunizations have been received. The treating physician must be licensed to practice in the State of Texas and the physician's license number must be reflected on the immunization documentation.

The only exception to the foregoing requirement considered by The Joy School is a medical exemption signed by the student's treating physician (M.D. or D.O.). All students requesting a medical exemption must present valid written evidence to The Joy School, from their treating physician, reflecting the medical basis for the requested exemption. The treating physician must be licensed to practice in the State of Texas and the physician's license number must be reflected on the medical exemption documentation.

The Joy School does not consider conscious-based exemptions or any other exemptions.

**Statement from the Texas Attorney General**

“Conscientious objections or waivers, which may be permissible for attendance in public schools, do not qualify as an exemption in Private Schools. A private school that does not accept state tax funds is not required to accept for enrollment a child who has received an exemption for the immunizations required by the Texas Health and Safety Code. (Atty. Gen. OP GA-0420).”