

Hickory Christian Academy

Immunization Laws

Kindergarten Immunizations

The State of North Carolina requires all schools (Public and Private) to ensure that students entering Kindergarten have received all their childhood immunizations by the 30th day of school. Students who have not complied with this law will not be allowed to attend until the requirement is met. General immunization forms should be picked up at the doctor's office, not at the school office.

Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten students **are not** required to have completed these immunizations, but are encouraged to do so as soon as the doctor recommends in order to protect against serious illnesses that may be transferred in a school environment.

The state does allow exemptions for this immunization requirement based on religious conviction. The North Carolina law, as stated on the official state immunization website is as follows:

There is no form for requesting religious exemptions in North Carolina. To claim a religious exemption, the parent or person requesting the exemption must write a statement of their religious objection to immunization, including the name and date of birth of the person for whom the exemption is being requested. This statement would then be provided to schools, child care programs, camps, etc. in place of an immunization record. If a family is requesting a religious exemption for more than one child, a separate statement should be prepared for each child. Statements of religious objection to immunization do not need to be notarized or prepared by an attorney. They do not need to be submitted to the state for review or approval.

With that said, HCA does have a form that you may use to claim a religious exemption that will cover all the legal needs of this law.

6th Grade Immunization

The State of North Carolina requires all students born on or after August 1, 1996 to get a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis [whooping cough]) vaccine booster when entering the 6th grade. All childhood immunizations must be complete by the 30th day of school.