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Summary:

[KRS 156.730 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#)

- Compacting states shall give thirty (30) days from the date of enrollment, or within such time as is reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission, for students to obtain any immunization(s) required by the receiving state. For a series of immunizations, initial vaccinations must be obtained within thirty (30) days or within such time as is reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission.

[KRS 158.035 Certificate of Immunization](#)

- No child shall be eligible to enroll as a student in any public or private elementary or secondary school without first presenting a certificate from a medical physician, osteopathic physician, or advanced practice registered nurse licensed in any state. The certificate shall state that the child has been immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubeola, and rubella in accordance with the provisions of this section and KRS 214.010, 214.020, 214.032 to 214.036, and 214.990 and the administrative regulations of the secretary for health and family services. The governing body of private and public schools shall enforce the provisions of this section.

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[KRS 158.037 Report of Immunization Results](#)

- Each public or private elementary or secondary school shall report immunization results to its local health department in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

[KRS 160.290 General Powers of the Board](#)

- Each board of education shall have general control and management of the public schools in its district and may establish schools and provide for courses and other services as it deems necessary for the promotion of education and the general health and welfare of pupils, consistent with the administrative regulations of the Kentucky Board of Education.

[KRS 214.020 Cabinet to adopt administrative regulations and take other action to prevent spread of disease](#)

- When the Cabinet for Health and Family Services determines that an infectious or contagious disease will invade this state, it shall take necessary action and promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to prevent the introduction or spread of such infectious or contagious disease or diseases within this state.

[KRS 214.034 Immunization of children -- Testing and treatment of children for reception and retention of current immunization certificate by schools and child-care facilities](#)

- All public or private primary or secondary schools, and preschool programs shall require a current immunization certificate for any child enrolled as a regular attendee, as provided by administrative regulation of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, promulgated under KRS Chapter 13A, to be on file within two (2) weeks of the child's attendance.

[KRS 214.036 Exceptions to Testing or Immunization Requirement](#)

- Nothing shall be construed to require:
 - The testing for tuberculosis or the immunization of any child at a time when, in the written opinion of his or her attending health care provider, such testing or immunization would be injurious to the child's health.
 - The immunization of any child whose parents or guardian are opposed to medical immunization against disease, and who object by a written sworn statement to the immunization of such child based on religious grounds.
 - In the event of an epidemic in a given area, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services may require the immunization of all persons within the area of epidemic, against the disease responsible for such epidemic requiring such

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immunization shall not include the immunization of any child whose parents or guardians are opposed to medical immunization against disease and who object by a written sworn statement to the immunization based on religious grounds or conscientiously held belief.

[KRS 212.245 Powers of Local Health Departments](#)

- Except as otherwise provided by law, do all other things reasonably necessary to protect and improve the health of the people.

[702 KAR 1:160 School Health Services](#)

- A current Immunization Certificate, EPID-230, incorporated by reference into 902 KAR 2:060, or an immunization certificate meeting the requirements of 902 KAR 2:060, Section 4, shall be on file within two (2) weeks of the child's enrollment in school.
- A local board of education shall require a preventive health care examination for students within one (1) year prior to initial entry to school.
- A second examination shall be required within one (1) year prior to entry into the sixth grade.

[704 KAR 3:410 Preschool Education Program for Four \(4\) Year Old Children](#)

- Prior to attendance, each child shall have on file:
 - A copy of a legal birth certificate as required by KRS 158.032(3)
 - A Kentucky Certificate of Immunization as required by KRS 214.034
 - A medical examination meeting the requirements of 704 KAR 4:020 conducted within six (6) months prior to entry into the school program
 - Information as to the eligibility for the National School Lunch Program

[704 KAR 7:090 Homeless Children Education Program](#)

- The homeless child education liaison shall be responsible for: Obtaining all necessary records, including birth certificates and immunization records, of each homeless student and unaccompanied youth identified as living within the boundaries of the LEA and immediately placing each homeless student and unaccompanied youth in appropriate programs. If educational records are not readily available, the liaison shall personally make direct contact with the LEAs or schools of last attendance for verbal confirmation of essential information, including coursework that has been satisfactorily completed. The liaison shall assist the homeless student or unaccompanied youth to obtain essential records that are not in existence.

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[902 KAR 2:055 Immunization Data Reporting and Exchange](#)

- Kindergartens and public and private elementary and secondary schools shall submit to the local health department in their area immunization results for: Kindergarten; Seventh grade; Eleventh grade.
- A public health immunization reporting entity (Public or private preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school) may record and exchange immunization data if the person requesting the data provides health related or educational services on behalf of the patient or has a public health interest.

[902 KAR 2:060 Immunization Schedules for Attending](#) child day care centers, certified family child care homes, other licensed facilities which care for children, preschool programs, and public and private primary and secondary schools.

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