

WEATHERFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Parents of WISD Prekindergarten Students:

We need to inform you of a recent change in the immunization requirements for students in our Prekindergarten programs. Effective September 1, 2005, House Bill (HB) 1316 became law. This law requires that children attending child-care facilities be vaccinated against invasive **Pneumococcal** and **Hepatitis A** diseases. This change will affect children attending prekindergarten, Head Start, or other early childhood programs.

Pursuant to the Human Resource Code §42.043(b), each child at an appropriate age shall be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, mumps, rubella, rubeola, **invasive Pneumococcal** and **Hepatitis A** disease and against any other communicable disease as recommended by the DSHS. Additionally, DSHS requires vaccination against pertussis, *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, varicella, and hepatitis B. Although the law requires that the immunizations must be administered to the child on the date of first entry into the child-care facility, a child may be provisionally admitted if the required immunizations have begun and are completed as rapidly as medically feasible.

Please be aware that documentation of administration of all required immunizations must be provided to the school prior to attendance on the first day of class. Unfortunately, students who do not meet the immunization requirements or have a medical or reason of conscience exemption will not be allowed to attend school. The student shall be excluded from school until appropriate, required documentation is provided.

Should you have any questions regarding immunizations, please contact your doctor or health care provider, the school nurse, or <http://info.sos.state.tx.us/fids/200505584-1.pdf>.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to meet these requirements for the safety of your child.

Sincerely,

Kathy Nicholson - Principal
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Kathy Dorris - Principal
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Andy Pool - Principal
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