

NO. 506 REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF VACCINATIONS AND REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CERTAIN DISEASES

Beginning with the 2004-2005 academic year, in order to enroll as a full-time or part-time student at Oklahoma City Community College, an individual shall provide written documentation of vaccinations against hepatitis B, measles, mumps and rubella.

The requirement shall not apply to students enrolling in courses delivered via the Internet or distance learning in which the student is not required to attend class on campus.

Beginning with the 2004-2005 academic year, Oklahoma City Community College shall notify students of the requirements of this Board of Regents Internal Operating Policy and provide students with educational information on hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella upon enrollment. Such information shall also include the risks and benefits of the vaccination. Oklahoma City Community College shall not be required to provide or pay for vaccinations against hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella.

A written statement from a licensed physician indicating that a vaccine is medically contraindicated shall exempt a student from the vaccination. A student shall be exempt from the vaccination if the student submits a written, signed statement declaring that the administration of the vaccine conflicts with the student's moral or religious tenets or, if the student is a minor, the student's parent or guardian provides a written statement that the administration of the vaccine conflicts with the parent's or guardian's moral or religious tenets.

The Board of Regents, in its discretion, includes exceptions to the requirement for written documentation of vaccinations for each of the following categories of students.

- 1. Students that have been admitted to and attended a public, private, or parochial school in Oklahoma and have complied with the immunization requirements included in Section 1210.191 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and any applicable State Board of Health Rule;
- 2. Students that have graduated from a high school in a state that requires vaccinations for hepatitis B, measles, mumps, and rubella;
- 3. Students transferring from an institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or a private institution of higher learning located within this state and accredited pursuant to Section 4103 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 4. Students enrolling exclusively in classes offered by The Training Center, the Downtown College Consortium, any Technology Center, business and community outreach efforts, and off-campus sites;

- 5. Students born before January 1, 1956; and
- 6. Students who are currently on active duty serving in a branch of the United States military.

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