

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON ADOPTED IMMUNIZATION RULES CONCERNING IMMUNIZATION IN TEXAS ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES: MARCH 5, 2009

On Feb. 27, 2009, the adopted amendments to 25 TAC §§97.61; 97.63-97.72 Texas Administrative Code, concerning immunization requirements in Texas elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education, can be viewed in the latest issue of the Texas Register at the Secretary of State website at the following address:

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>.

The adopted amendments to 25 TAC §§97.61; 97.63-97.72 Texas Administrative Code, concerning immunization requirements in Texas elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education, will be effective as of March 5, 2009. The following is a highlight of adopted revisions to rules for school and child-care facility immunization requirements beginning the 2009-2010 school year:

- **Meningococcal Vaccine**—7th grade requirement
- **Varicella Vaccine**—2 dose requirement and 7th grade entry
- **Tdap Vaccine**—A booster dose requirement for 7th grade
- **MMR Vaccine**—2 dose requirement of MMR vaccine for kindergarten entry
- **Hepatitis A Vaccine**—2 dose requirement for kindergarten entry statewide
- **General revisions** incorporated that clarify or simplify language throughout the rules relating to the school and child care requirements

For immunization requirements information or other health-related questions, go to: www.cfisd.net, click on *Departments* and on *Health Services*.

Transportation Letter for Parents

Dear Patrons:

If you have children attending school in the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District, the following information may assist you. Postcards indicating approximate bus pick-up times and stop locations will be mailed to parents by August 10, 2009.

Transportation service for childcare providers within your child's established attendance zone has also been scheduled. Beginning August 10, please watch for bus stop information to be available on the district's website at www.cfisd.net. Access the *QUICK LINKS* section and choose *BUS STOPS*.

Please have your child at the bus stop at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled bus pick-up time on the first day of school. For the first several days, you may experience delays. Certain bus routes may need to be adjusted during the first several weeks of the school year and your patience is most appreciated. Please allow time for schedules to become more consistent, after which time it is suggested to have your child at the stop five minutes prior to the regular pick-up time.

Buses are provided to transport **eligible students** to and from school from their home or childcare provider within the established attendance zones.

Students are not permitted to ride another bus (other than regularly assigned) for any reason other than a family emergency. Students should provide a note to their school from a parent/guardian stating the reason for the requested exception. A special bus pass will be issued at the school.

The Transportation Department establishes regular morning and afternoon bus stops for eligible areas, generally as corner stops for elementary students and at common, centralized locations such as parks or community centers for middle and high school students. Students should be picked up and dropped off only at these stops. An increase in the number of stops increases the chance of a hazardous situation and decreases the efficiency of the bus route.

The **Bus Safety Rules** are posted on the district website for you and your child to review. Please discuss your child's role in making the ride to and from school safe and expeditious.

We look forward to transporting your student the first day of school, Monday, August 24, 2009. If we can assist you in any way during the school year, please do not hesitate to contact your closest Transportation facility.

Sincerely,

CFISD Transportation Staff

For a list of the bus rules and a listing of transportation center phone numbers, visit the district website.

For more information regarding CFISD transportation, go to: www.cfisd.net