

## **IMMUNIZATIONS**

### **Immunization Policy**

Every student enrolled in a Catholic School in the State of Texas shall be immunized against vaccine preventable diseases caused by infectious agents in accordance with the immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services. A student who fails to present the required evidence shall not be accepted for enrollment. The **only exception** to the foregoing requirement is a medical exemption signed by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) authorized to practice in the State of Texas, including the physicians license number. Immunizations are not in conflict with the Catholic faith. Conscientious objections or waivers, which may be permissible for attendance in public schools, do not qualify as an exemption in Catholic Schools in Texas. (Atty. Gen. Op. GA-0420)

**This policy was adopted by Texas Catholic Conference Education Department, December 2008.**

Current immunization requirements can be found at:  
[www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/default.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/default.shtm) OR <http://www.immunizetexas.com>

For current immunization information and minimum requirements, changes and explanations after this manual was printed, contact the Immunization Division, Texas Department of State Health Services.

Phone: 512.458.7284 ext. 2316 OR 1.800.252.9152

Regional Texas Department of State Health Services: The Texas Department of State Health Services maintains regional offices for the 11 Public Health Regions. Regional offices can assist with minimum immunization requirement information and literature and in some cases may provide immunization clinics in your school. To determine your region:

Online: [www.dshs.state.tx.us/regions/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/regions/)  
**Phone: 1.888.963.7111 (toll free) or 512.458.7111**