

## **Health Policy**

### **Physical Activity for Students in Elementary and Middle School**

In accordance with policies at EHAB, EHAC, and FFA, the San Antonio School for Inquiry and Creativity will ensure that students in elementary school engage in at least 30 minutes of physical activity per day or 135 minutes per week.

For information regarding the San Antonio School for Inquiry and Creativity's requirements and programs regarding elementary student physical activity requirements, please see the principal. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year this requirement is expanded to middle and junior high school students (Senate Bill 42 – 79th Legislature)

### **Other Health-Related Matters**

#### **Tobacco Prohibited**

The San Antonio School for Inquiry and Creativity and its staff strictly enforce prohibitions against the use of tobacco products by students and others on school property and at school-sponsored and school-related activities.

#### **Pest Management Plan**

The San Antonio School for Inquiry and Creativity applies only pest control products that comply with state and federal guidelines. Parents who want to be notified prior to pesticide application inside their child's school assignment area may contact your child's campus administrator.

### **IMMUNIZATION**

Students must be fully immunized against specific diseases in accordance with the Texas Department of Health Immunization Schedule and must show acceptable proof of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a school in Texas. Failure to show proof may result in administrative withdrawal. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. If requested by the school to update immunizations to remain enrolled at San Antonio School for Inquiry and Creativity, it is the parents' responsibility for their children under the age of 18 or the students' if over the age of 18 to complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. The school shall review the immunization status. If the student is not in compliance, the school shall administratively withdraw the student.

A student must be fully immunized against certain diseases or must present a certificate or statement that, for medical reasons or reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, the student will not be immunized. For exemptions based on reasons of conscience, only official forms issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services, Immunization Branch, can be honored by the San Antonio School for Inquiry and Creativity. Proof of immunization may be established by personal records from a licensed physician or public health clinic with a signature or rubber-stamp validation.

If a student should not be immunized for medical reasons, the student or parent must present a certificate signed by a U.S. licensed physician stating that, in the doctor's opinion, the immunization required poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the student or member of the student's family or household. This certificate must be renewed yearly unless the physician specifies a life-long condition. [For further information, see the Department of State Health Services Web site:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm> ]

"Except as provided by the TEC, §38.001(c), a student is required to be fully immunized against certain diseases. Except as provided by the TEC, §38.001(c), a student who is not fully immunized and has not begun the required immunization may not attend school. A homeless student may be admitted for 30 days pending initiation of vaccinations or receipt of vaccination documentation. A student who is a military dependent or any student coming from another Texas school district may be enrolled for 30 days pending transfer of immunization records." (excerpt from the Texas Education Agency 2010-2011 Student Attendance Accounting Handbook.)

Influenza vaccines may be obtained from your family physician or from the Main Metro Health Immunization Clinic, 345 W. Commerce 78205, (210) 207-8894.