

**RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM
SCHOOL-ENTRY HEALTH
EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATION**

Re: Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the parent of the above-named child. In accordance with Florida Statutes 1002.20 and 1003.22, I hereby request that my child be exempt from the school-entry health examination and immunization requirements.

I object to the health examination on religious grounds.

I object to the administration of immunizing agents as it conflicts with my religious tenets or practices.

Signature

Printed Name

Date

1002.20(3)(a) *School-entry health examinations.*—The parent of any child attending a public or private school shall be exempt from the requirement of a health examination upon written request stating objections on religious grounds in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.22(1) and (2).

1002.20(3)(b) *Immunizations.*—The parent of any child attending a public or private school shall be exempt from the school immunization requirements upon meeting any of the exemptions in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.22(5).

1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department of Health.--

(1) Each district school board and the governing authority of each private school shall require that each child who is entitled to admittance to kindergarten, or is entitled to any other initial entrance into a public or private school in this state, present a certification of a school-entry health examination performed within 1 year before enrollment in school. Each district school board, and the governing authority of each private school, may establish a policy that permits a student up to 30 school days to present a certification of a school-entry health examination. Children and youths who are experiencing homelessness and children who are known to the department, as defined in s. 39.0016, shall be given a temporary exemption for 30 school days. Any district school board that establishes such a policy shall include provisions in its local school health services plan to assist students in obtaining the health examinations. However, a child shall be exempted from the requirement of a health examination upon written request of the parent of the child stating objections to the examination on religious grounds.

(2) The State Board of Education, subject to the concurrence of the Department of Health, shall adopt rules to govern medical examinations and immunizations performed under this section.

(5) The provisions of this section shall not apply if:

(a) The parent of the child objects in writing that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with his or her religious tenets or practices;