

**TITLE 36. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY  
CHAPTER 7.1. CHILD CARE PROGRAMS  
ARTICLE 1. DAY CARE CENTERS**

**A.R.S. § 36-883 (2006)**

**§ 36-883. Standards of care; rules; classifications**

A. The director of the department of health services shall prescribe reasonable rules regarding the health, safety and well being of the children to be cared for in a child care facility. These rules shall include standards for the following:

C. Any rule that relates to educational activities, physical examination, medical treatment or immunization shall include appropriate exemptions for children whose parents object on the ground that it conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the parent or child is an adherent or member.

**TITLE 15. EDUCATION  
CHAPTER 8. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
ARTICLE 6. SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION**

**A.R.S. § 15-872 (2006)**

**§ 15-872. Proof of immunization; noncompliance; notice to parents; civil immunity**

A. The director of the department of health services, in consultation with the superintendent of public instruction, shall develop by rule standards for documentary proof.

B. A pupil shall not be allowed to attend school without submitting documentary proof to the school administrator unless the pupil is exempted from immunization pursuant to section 15-873.

C. Each public school shall make full disclosure of the requirements and exemptions as prescribed in sections 15-872 and 15-873.

D. On enrollment, the school administrator shall suspend that pupil if the administrator does not have documentary proof and the pupil is not exempted from immunization pursuant to section 15-873.

E. Notwithstanding subsections B and D of this section, a pupil may be admitted to or allowed to attend a school if the pupil has received at least one dose of each of the required immunizations prescribed pursuant to section 36-672 and has established a schedule for the completion of required immunizations. The parent, guardian or person in

loco parentis of a pupil shall present to the school administrator documentary proof of the immunizations received and a schedule prepared by the pupil's physician or a health agency for completion of additional required immunizations.

F. The school administrator shall review the school immunization record for each pupil admitted or allowed to continue attendance pursuant to subsection E of this section at least twice each school year until the pupil receives all of the required immunizations and shall suspend a pupil as prescribed in subsection G of this section who fails to comply with the immunization schedule. Immunizations received by a pupil shall be entered in the pupil's school immunization record.

G. Unless proof of an exemption from immunization pursuant to section 15-873 is provided, a pupil who is admitted or allowed to continue to attend and who fails to comply with the immunization schedule within the time intervals specified by the schedule shall be suspended from school attendance until documentary proof of the administration of another dose of each appropriate immunizing agent is provided to the school administrator.

H. The provisions of subsections B, D and E of this section do not apply to homeless pupils until the fifth calendar day after enrollment.

I. A school and its employees are immune from civil liability for decisions concerning the admission, readmission and suspension of a pupil which are based on a good faith implementation of the requirements of this article.

### **A.R.S. § 15-873 (2006)**

#### **§ 15-873. Exemptions; nonattendance during outbreak**

A. Documentary proof is not required for a pupil to be admitted to school if one of the following occurs:

1. The parent or guardian of the pupil submits a signed statement to the school administrator stating that the parent or guardian has received information about immunizations provided by the department of health services, understands the risks and benefits of immunizations and the potential risks of non-immunization and that due to personal beliefs, the parent or guardian does not consent to the immunization of the pupil.
2. The school administrator receives written certification which is signed by the parent or guardian and by a physician, which states that one or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the pupil's health and which indicates the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance which precludes immunization.

B. An exemption pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 is only valid during the duration of the circumstance or condition which precludes immunization.

C. Pupils who lack documentary proof of immunization shall not attend school during outbreak periods of communicable immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the department of health services or local health department. The department of health services or local health department shall transmit notice of this determination to the school administrator responsible for the exclusion of the pupils.