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Please be advised that K.S.A. 72-6262 requires the following: “On or before May 15 of each school year, the school board of every school affected by this act shall notify the parents or guardians of all known pupils who are enrolled or who will be enrolling in the school of the provisions this act and any policy regarding the implementation of the provisions of this act adopted by the school board.”

The provisions of K.S.A. 72-6262 include the requirement for students to present certification that they have received “such tests and inoculations as are deemed necessary by the secretary.” The statute also provides for alternative options to this certification.

The alternative options are as follows:

- (1) An annual written statement signed by a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life or health of the child, or
- (2) a written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such tests or inoculations.

As a public school funded by the government, it is your duty to uphold the state law. Based on the above statute, it is your obligation to accurately state in your correspondence to students and parents that an individual has the right to utilize these alternative options and continue to attend public school.

Sincerely,