

FREEDOM OF RELIGION STATEMENT CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION OF SCHOOL ENTRY MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the submission of the immunization records and/or school-entry examination within one year prior to enrollment conflicts with our religious beliefs, convictions, tenets, or practices and therefore I request that _____ be exempt from such pursuant to Florida State Statutes Title XLVIII, Chapter 1003.22.

In accordance with Florida Statutes, Title XLVIII, Chapter 1003.22 which reads in part as follows:

(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;

Under the Constitution of the United States we are granted "freedom of religion." I know of no law that requires one to belong to an organized church or religious sect to practice his sacred beliefs. Please be advised and advise those concerned that I met the requirements under Title XLVIII, Chapter 1003.22.

Sincerely,

Parent or Guardian

Date

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.