

McKinney Independent School District
School Health Services

Conscientious Exemption Cover Letter to Parent

Dear Parent or Guardian:

You are requesting a conscientious exemption for your student. The forms may be accessed on the Department of Texas State Health Services website at <https://co-request.dshs.texas.gov/>

Please be aware that:

- 1) Some vaccine preventable diseases are infecting unvaccinated U.S. children, resulting in hospitalizations and severe illness; many of these diseases are highly contagious.
- 2) An unvaccinated child could spread disease to another child. If every parent exempted their child from vaccination, these diseases could return to our community in full force.
- 3) An unvaccinated child may not be protected by “herd or community” immunity and may be excluded from school, sports, or school related activities during disease outbreaks
- 4) The American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention all clearly support preventing disease through vaccination.

Should you decide to continue with vaccination exemption; the signed and notarized affidavit form (original copy) must be on file in the school clinic by _____.
(Date)

Thank you,

McKinney ISD Health Services