



# Free Horizon Montessori School

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## Child's Annual Statement of Health OPT OUT

According to the Colorado Department of Human Services Child Care Licensing (CDHS), the parent or guardian of each child 2 ½ years of age and older, must submit an “**Annual Statement**” of the child’s current health status **SIGNED** and dated by a licensed health professional who has seen the child within the last 12 months. The statement of health status must be obtained at the time of admission (for most students, this date is July 1<sup>st</sup>) or within 30 days of admission if the child begins a program later in the school year. The health care professional’s name, address and phone number must be provided.

Documentation of immunization status, signed by a licensed health professional, is also required annually, per CDHS. Non-immunized children or children for whom FHM has no record of immunization due to “opting out” will not be allowed to attend school in the event any admitted student contracts a contagious disease for which immunizations are available, for a length of time dependent on type of disease. No tuition adjustment will be given for students absent or excluded due to health or immunization reasons. **ALL new and continuing students participating in licensed programs and sports must have this form completed annually.**

The Annual Statement of Health (or similar form, provided by the child’s physician, also known as “General Health Statement” or “Annual Health Statement”) is **REQUIRED** for all FHM students participating in the following CDHS Licensed programs:

- ANY Primary program (Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten)
- Before Care
- After Care
- Break Camps (Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break)
- Any other program that may become available, run through FHM’s licensed childcare program

Our clubs and enrichment programs are run either through the school or a private provider, and do not require an annual statement of health for participation. **However, students participating in any SPORT or athletic program are also required to provide an Annual Statement of Health to confirm ability to participate in athletics.**

This form should also state information about students’ specific HEALTH CONCERNS. In addition, health concerns should be listed in the “Significant Health Concerns” box in Jeffco Connect, under the “Health” tab. **Any and all health concerns must be listed in Jeffco Connect** for communication to teachers and staff. Please also list: dietary restrictions, mild allergies, skin conditions, etc.

If your student will NOT be participating in any of the above programs or sports, and does NOT have any health concerns or dietary restrictions, then you may choose to opt out of the Annual Statement of Health. Opting out restricts your child from participating in any of the above programs (including Before and After Care drop in) until an Annual Statement of Health is received by the Program Director. Although you may opt out, FHM recommends the completion of the Annual Statement of Health for ALL students to ensure they may fully participate in all programming.

**To opt out of the Annual Statement of Health, please read and sign the following:**

I, (parent/guardian) \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby opt out of the requirement to provide an Annual Statement of Health for (child’s name) \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that failure to provide an Annual Statement of Health places restrictions upon the programs and activities available to my child. I agree not to enroll my child in any Primary program, Before Care, After Care, Break Camp, or Athletics program. If I choose to enroll my child in one of these programs, I understand that I will need to provide the Program Director with an Annual Statement of Health prior to my child’s participation in the program, and that I will receive no discount or refund for any missed days due to non-receipt of this Statement.

I affirm that my child is in general good health, having no chronic medical conditions, and no dietary restrictions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date