

### **SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION POLICY**

Prior to enrollment, students must present a certificate of immunization or other acceptable evidence of immunity for each disease as required by rule for school enrollment. (DOE Chapter 126)

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school except as follows:

- The parent provides to the school a written assurance that the student will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or first attendance in school classes, whichever date is the earliest. This is a one-time exception.
- Written documentation from the primary care provider that the immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable. This must be provided annually.
- The parent states in writing an opposition to immunization because of a sincere religious belief or for philosophical reasons. This must be provided annually.
- A period of 21 calendar days may be granted to allow for the transfer of health records from one school to another.

When a homeless student does not have needed certificates of immunization, a referral will be made to the school's homeless coordinator. (McKinney Act)

All students who are not immunized due to medical, religious or philosophical reasons shall be excluded from school during an outbreak of the vaccine-preventable disease for which the student is not immunized. The exclusion will be ~~from~~ for the danger period as defined by rule. (DOE Chapter 126)

The Immunization Report will be submitted to the Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health ~~by December 15<sup>th</sup> of~~ as required by law each school year.

Cross Reference: JLCB-E - Yearly Immunization Exemption Form

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