



Dear GSA Parents and Guardians,

Re: Immunizations Requirements for 2023-2024

No child is permitted to attend school in Maine without evidence of immunization or proof of immunity against disease. Students enrolled in grades K-12 must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, and varicella. Additionally, all students enrolled in grades 7-12 must be immunized against meningococcal meningitis. Any student entering grade 12 is required to have two doses of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4). However, if the first dose of MCV4 is administered when the student is sixteen years of age or older, only one dose is required. Please check with your healthcare provider.

It can take up to 8 or 9 months to completely immunize a non-immunized or incompletely immunized student. **This is the time to call your child's primary care provider to set up a schedule to start receiving vaccines to ensure that your child will be able to attend the first day of school this fall.**

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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[LD 798 Implementation, Effective September 1, 2021](#)

Students enrolled in grades PreK through 12 are to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio and varicella. Additionally, all students enrolled in grades 7-12 must be immunized against meningococcal disease. In May of 2019, LD 798 was signed into law which removes both philosophical exemptions and religious exemptions from the exceptions to immunization requirements. Medical exemptions are still allowed and there is an exception for those students with an Individualized Education Plan and either philosophical or religious exemption that is in place prior to Sept 1, 2021.

