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**Subject: Immunization of Students**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to ensure that the children under its charge are immunized according to current Public Health Law. The Board, therefore, requires that a signed physician’s certificate, or some other acceptable evidence of immunization, be submitted for all children entering and presently attending school.

- a) At the time of enrollment for all new students and/or the start of each grade level requiring new immunizations, the parents of that student must provide to the school district evidence of immunizations received. Students will not be permitted to continue to attend school for more than 14 calendar days unless a signed physician’s certificate, or some other acceptable evidence of immunization, is submitted. Such 14 calendar day period may be extended to not more than 30 calendar days for an individual student who is transferring from out-of-state or from another country and can show a good faith effort to get the necessary evidence of immunization. Students covered under The McKinney-Vento Act are not required to present proof of immunity or immunization in order to be admitted to school.
- b) A document stating the immunizations needed to be in compliance, and information concerning where records or immunizations can be obtained, shall be given to the parent/guardian. Copies of this document will be on file in the District Office.
- c) Students will be refused admission to, or continue attendance at school, for lack of acceptable evidence of immunization. At the time of exclusion students will not be permitted to return to school until proof of immunization is submitted.
- d) Exemptions to immunization requirements will be permitted for medical or religious reasons only. A medical exemption is a written statement signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in New York State certifying that the immunization may be detrimental to the child’s health. It must contain sufficient information to identify a specific medical contraindication to a specific immunization, and specify the length of time the immunization is medically contraindicated. A medical exemption must be renewed annually. Parents/guardians who have religious reasons for not immunizing their child, or the student, may file for a religious exemption by submitting a written and signed statement stating that they object to immunizations because of sincere and genuine religious beliefs which prohibit the immunization for their child. Religious exemption may not always be granted and is up to the discretion of the Superintendent.

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- e) When, and where necessary, relevant information will be documented and sent to the public health department. Copies of all such documents will be kept on file in the office of the school nurse in the pupil's school.
  
- f) All school personnel involved with enrolling new students will be informed of this policy and charged to follow it uniformly. In addition, all parents or guardians will be informed of the policy and the implications for their children for non-compliance.

Chapter 443 of the Laws of 1979  
Public Health Law, Section 2164  
Education Law, Section 914

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