

IMMUNIZATION AND DENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS

- I. In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combatting the spread of disease, the Board requires that all pupils be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with New York State Education Law §903 and Public Health Law §2164.

- II.
 - A. No child may be admitted to school or allowed to attend school in excess of fourteen (14) calendar days without appropriate certification of immunization. The fourteen (14) calendar day period may be extended by the Superintendent or his/her designee to thirty (30) days for a student transferring from out of state/out of country. If the child is obtaining serological tests, the parent(s) or guardian has a total of thirty (30) days from the start of attendance to provide test results and, if negative test results, appointment dates to begin or complete the vaccine series.

 - B. Each student must present a certificate of immunization upon registration signed by a physician or certified by a clinic. Such certificate must meet the New York State requirements for immunization against poliomyelitis, pertussis, tetanus, Hepatitis B, varicella, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, meningococcal disease and, where applicable due to enrollment in a Pre-Kindergarten program, haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and pneumococcal conjugate (PCV). Acceptable documents and proof of immunity also include:
 1. An electronic health record.
 2. An immunization record issued by New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) or Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR).
 3. An out-of-state immunization registry specifying the dates and products administered.
 4. An official record from a foreign nation may be accepted without a health practitioner's signature.
 5. Immunization records from a previous school.
 6. A statement verifying history of varicella, diagnosed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant (10 NYCRR 66-1.3(a)).
 7. Serological proof of immunity for specific diseases (10 NYCRR 66-1.5).

 - C. The only exceptions which may excuse a student from the above immunization requirements are:
 1. if a physician testifies or certifies that administering the vaccine is detrimental to the specific child's health,

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2. if such student's parent(s) or guardian hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to required immunization practices. The parent or guardian must complete the State Education Department Request for Religious Exemption to Immunization form. The form originates from the Registered Professional Nurses Office and is then submitted to the principal(s) for review and approval or denial. A copy of all documents must be kept in the student's cumulative health record,
 3. if a student has had the first dose of all required immunization series and has appointments to complete the series in accordance with the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) catch up schedule as published by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
 4. if student presents proof of immunity by serology (blood test) to the following immunizations; measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox), poliomyelitis, or
 5. if student presents proof of immunity by diagnosis of disease for varicella.
- D. Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually. The written exemption must identify:
1. the immunization exempted,
 2. the medical contraindication for the exemption, and
 3. the length of time immunization is contraindicated.
- III. A. The District will develop procedures for documenting all communication, along with efforts undertaken by school personnel to assist the parent/guardian in meeting the immunization requirements.
- B. The District must notify the local health department of any child who is refused admittance or continued attendance due to the lack of immunizations.
- C. The District shall notify the Child Protective Services (CPS) after more than fourteen (14) days of the student's exclusion from school if the parent refuses to allow the local department of health or another appropriate health practitioner to immunize their child, and no action steps are reported by the parent/guardian for pursuing another education option such as home schooling.
- D. The District shall annually provide an immunization survey to the New York State Commissioner of Health on the Health Commerce System website.

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- E. A student denied entrance or attendance due to failure of meeting health immunization standards may appeal to the Commissioner of Education.

IV. Dental Health

- A. Each student shall be requested to furnish a dental health certificate in the same year the health appraisal is required. The dental certificate must meet the standards of the Commissioner's Regulations and may be signed by a registered dental hygienist or licensed dentist.
- B. The list of dentists available to conduct examination on a free or reduced cost basis compiled by SED is available to parents/guardians by calling the New York State Dental Foundation at 518-465-0044.

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