

RSU #63

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** **JLCB**
- b. Title:** **Immunization of Students**
- c. Author:**
- d. Replaces Policy:**
- e. Date Approved:** **04/25/2022 RSU #63**
- f. Previously Approved:** **05/27/2017**
- g. Policy Expiration:** **Review as Needed**
- h. Responsible for Review:** **Superintendent & Policy Committee**
- i. Date Reviewed:** **03/22/2022 Superintendent**
04/04/2022 Policy Committee
- j. References:** **20-A MRSA § 6352-6359**
Chapter 126 (ME. Dept. of Ed. Rules)
Cross Reference: **JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases**
JRA – Student Educational Records

k. Narrative:

The RSU 63 Board of Directors (the Board) intends students within RSU #63 (the District) will comply with Maine law regarding student immunization.

- I.** All students who enroll in the District are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization or immunity against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chicken pox), tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella.
 - A. Students entering 7th grade also require:**
 - 1. One dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap).**
 - 2. One dose of meningococcal vaccine MCV4.**
 - B. Students entering 12th grade are required to have received two doses of MCV4. The first dose will have been received on or after the 11th birthday, the second dose will have been received on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose.**
- II.** Non-immunized students will not be permitted to attend school or school activities unless one of the following conditions is met:
 - A.** The parents/guardian provides to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or their first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. This option is available only once to each student during their school career; or
 - B.** The parents/guardian provides a physician's/health provider's written statement that immunization against one or more diseases may be medically inadvisable as defined by law/regulation.

NOTE: With the enactment of L.D. 798, “An Act to Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemption from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements” in 2019, exemption based on religious or philosophical beliefs was removed effective September 1, 2021. There is one exception: a student covered by an IEP who elected religious or philosophical exemption prior to September 1, 2021 may continue to attend school under the existing exemption so long as the parent/guardian or the student, if 18 years of age or older, provides a statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant that they have consulted with the parent/guardian or student and has made the parent/guardian or student aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize.

- III.** The Superintendent or designee will exclude any non-immunized student when there is a clear danger to the health of others as provided by law.
- IV.** The Superintendent or designee is directed to develop such administrative procedures as are necessary to carry out this policy and comply with statutory requirements.