

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> <b>IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS</b>	<i>Code</i> <b>JLCB</b>
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In an effort to ensure a healthy and safe environment for students and staff, no student shall attend a Holliston Public Schools (HPS) preschool, elementary school or secondary school program without a licensed health care provider's certificate attesting to immunization against communicable diseases in accordance with current Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) required immunization schedules. The only exception to these requirements will be made on receipt of a written statement from a by a licensed health care provider that immunization would not be in the best interests of the student, or by the student's parent/guardian stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent/guardian.

Please note the legal reference of Massachusetts General Laws chapter 76 section 15 detailed below:

No student shall, except as hereinafter provided, be admitted to school except upon presentation of a licensed health care provider certificate that the student has been successfully immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles and poliomyelitis and such other communicable diseases in accordance with current MDPH required immunization schedules.

A student shall be admitted to school upon certification by a licensed health care provider that the provider has personally examined such student and that, in the provider's opinion, the physical condition of the student is such that the student's health would be endangered by such vaccination or by any of such immunizations. Such certification shall be submitted at the beginning of each school year to the student's school nurse. If the district physician in charge of the school health program does not agree with the opinion of the student's licensed health care provider, the matter shall be referred to the MDPH, whose decision will be final.

In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the MDPH, no student whose parent or guardian states in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with their sincere religious beliefs shall be required to present said provider's certificate in order to be admitted to school. Such writing shall be submitted at the beginning of each school year to the student's school nurse.

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