



Policy: Immunization Policy

All students who enroll at Thornton Academy are required by Maine law to present evidence of immunization or immunity against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox).

- One dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) is required for students entering 7th grade.
- Effective with the 2018-2019 school year, the following immunization requirements apply to meningococcal disease:
 - A. One dose of meningococcal vaccine MCV4 is required for students entering 7th grade.
 - B. Students entering 12th grade are required to have received two doses of MCV4. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose. Only one dose is required IF the first dose is administered when the student is 16 years of age or older.
- Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless the following condition is met:
 - A. The parents/guardians provide a physician's written statement each year that immunization against one or more diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation)
- The Headmaster shall exclude from school any non-immunized student when there is a clear danger to the health of others as provided by law.
- The Headmaster/designee is directed to develop such administrative procedures as are necessary to carry out this policy and comply with statutory requirements.