

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in the school unit schools are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization, as outlined in Maine state law (Chapter 126) found at <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/family/rules.html>. Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless one of the following conditions are met:

- A. The parents/guardians provide to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or his/her first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. This option is available only once to each student during their school career. A period of 21 calendar days may be granted to allow for the transfer of health records from one school to another; or
- B. 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); or
- C. The parents/guardians state in writing each year that immunization is contrary to their sincere religious or philosophical beliefs.

All students who are not immunized due to medical, religious or philosophical reasons shall be excluded from school during an outbreak of the vaccine preventable disease for which the student is not immunized. The exclusion will be for the danger period as defined by rule. (DOE Chapter 126).

When an unvaccinated child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Section 504 accommodation plan, the school must convene a meeting to discuss and develop a plan for meeting the child's educational needs during the exclusion period.

The Superintendent shall exclude from school any non-immunized student when there is a clear danger to the health of others as provided by law.

The Superintendent/designee is directed to develop such administrative procedures as are necessary to carry out this policy and comply with statutory requirements.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§ 6352-6359
Chapter 126 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules)

Cross Reference: JLCC- Communicable/Infectious Diseases
JRA- Student Educational Records

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