

## **IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

Students entering the Brunswick School Department must meet the following State of Maine vaccination requirements. The goal of these requirements is to help protect your child and all children attending school against disease. Please visit with your own healthcare professional to ensure that your child's vaccinations are up-to-date.

If your child does not have a health record that shows he or she has had chickenpox, he or she will be required to have the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. As parent or legal guardian, if you have sincere religious or philosophical beliefs for not immunizing your child, you must state so in writing and in a letter to the school. If there are health reasons for not having your child immunized, you need to give the school a letter from your child's healthcare provider explaining the medical reason.

State law now requires a show of proof of immunity for chickenpox as follows:

School Year	Grade
2003/2004	K and 1
2004/2005	K, 1, 2, and 9
2005/2006	K, 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10
2006/2007	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11
2007/2008	K-12

Any student who does not have a waiver of immunization due to either medical or religious or philosophical beliefs must be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of a disease for which the student is not immunized. In the event that any outbreak of disease exists, the school nurse will notify the building principal of any student(s) not appropriately immunized. The building principal will inform the Superintendent or his/her designee who will take action to exclude from school any and all students not properly meeting the State of Maine's immunization requirement during any outbreak of disease.

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