

## IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in the **Beals** schools are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Immunization against meningococcal disease is required as follows:

- A. One dose of meningococcal vaccine MCV4 is required for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- B. Students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have received two doses of MCV4. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 one of the following conditions is met:

- A. The student's parent/guardian provides 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; or
- B. The parent/guardian provides a written statement each year from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that, in his/her professional judgment, immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation).

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 MRS §§ 6352-6359  
Me. Dept. of Educ. Rule Ch. 126 (May 10, 2018)

Cross Reference: JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases  
JRA – Student Educational Record

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