

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in 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, and rubella.

For the purposes of this policy, “parent” means parent(s), regardless of divorce or separation; a legal guardian; or individual acting as a parent or guardian, unless there is evidence of a state law or court order governing such matters as divorce, separation or custody or a legally binding instrument that specifically revokes such rights.

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless one of the following conditions are met:

1. The parent 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 his/her school career; or
2. The parent 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
3. The parent state in writing each year that immunization is contrary to his/her religious, moral, or philosophical beliefs, or other personal reason.

The Superintendent will 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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