

Immunizations of Students

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Related Policies: EBCF, EBCG, JFABD, JFAM, JLC & JLCA

- A. **Immunizations Required.** Any child being admitted to the District must present written documentation of meeting current New Hampshire immunization requirements, unless exempted for medical reasons under RSA 141-C:20-c, or for religious reasons as provided in paragraph D of this policy. All immunizations must meet minimum age and interval requirements for each vaccine as outlined by NH DHHS.

The District will notify parents/guardians of immunization requirements at the earliest possible date, so that the necessary plans can be made with the healthcare provider or other medical resources to accomplish this standard prior to a child being admitted to school.

- B. **Conditional Enrollment.** A child who has not met the immunizations requirements of paragraph A, above, may be "conditionally" enrolled and allowed to attend school when the parent/guardian provides:

1. Documentation of at least one dose for each required vaccine; AND
2. The appointment date for the next dose of required but incomplete vaccine.

The appointment date referred to in B.2, above, shall serve as the exclusion date if the child does not keep the scheduled appointment. Conditional enrollment shall not be extended to the next school year for the same dose of vaccine.

- C. **Homeless Students and Unaccompanied Youth.** Pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act and Board Policy JFABD, homeless students and/or unaccompanied youth, may enroll and attend school while the Homeless Liaison works with the family/student to obtain examinations, vaccinations, and documentation of the same.

- D. **Military Children and Military Connected Students.** Pursuant to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (RSA 110-D:5, III) and Board Policy JFAM, immunization(s) (or for a series of immunizations, the initial vaccination(s)) shall be obtained within 30 days from the date of the military child/military connected student's enrollment, or within a time frame determined under the rules of the Interstate Commission.

- E. **Health and Religious Exemptions.**

1. **Medical Exemption.** A student shall be exempted from the above immunization requirements if he/she presents written documentation in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-c, I, from his/her physician that immunization will be detrimental to his/her health. An exemption under this paragraph shall apply only to the specific immunization referenced in the physician's written statement and will continue for the greater of one year or the length of time stated in the physician's statement.

2. Religious Exemption. In accordance with RSA 141-C:20-c, II, a child will be excused from immunization for religious reasons, upon receipt of a statement, signed by the child's parent/guardian, stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.

In the event of an outbreak, students who have been exempted from immunization requirements will be subject to exclusion from school for the period of outbreak of disease for which they are not immunized.

- F. Records. The school nurse, principal or designee trained in state immunization requirements is responsible for documenting that all students have been immunized prior to school entrance in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-a, or that one of the circumstances described in paragraphs B-D, above apply.
- G. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall assure that the District maintains immunization records in accordance with NHDHHS regulations

Legal References:

RSA141-C:20-a, Immunization
RSA 141-C:20-c, Exemptions
RSA 141-C:20-d, Exclusion During Outbreak of Disease
RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse
NH Code of Administrative Rules, Ed. 311.01, Immunization Program
NH Code of Administrative Rules, He-P 301, Communicable Diseases
42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(C)(iii) – McKinney-Vento Act

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