

IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

- A. **Immunizations Required.** Any child being admitted to the District must present written documentation of meeting the then 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. A 4-day grace period is allowed; however, live attenuated vaccines (e.g., MMR, Varicella, nasal influenza vaccine, etc.) that are not administered on the same day must be administered at least 28 days apart.

The District will notify parent(s) or legal guardian(s) 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 the school.

- B. **Conditional Enrollment.** A child who has not met the immunization requirements of paragraph A, above, may be "conditionally" enrolled and allowed to attend school when the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) provide:
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 Admission of Homeless Students and or unaccompanied youth, may enroll and attend school while the Homeless Liaison works with the family and student to obtain examinations or 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, - Education of Military Children and Military Connected Students 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 and 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 they present written documentation in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-c, I from their physician that immunization will be detrimental to their 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

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parent(s) or legal guardian(s), 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 excluded from school for a period of time, to be established after consultation with the NH Dept. of Health & Human Services (NHDHHS), if such students are considered to be at risk for the disease or virus that they have not been immunized against.

- 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.

The Superintendent shall assure that the District maintains immunization records in accordance with NHDHHS regulations.

Legal References:

RSA 110-D:5, III, Educational Records and Enrollment

RSA 141-C:20-a, Immunization

RSA 141-C:20-c, Exemptions

RSA 141-C:20-d, Exclusion During Outbreak of Disease

RSA 200:38, I & III, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 311.01, Immunization Program

N.H. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Admin. Rule He-P 301, Communicable Diseases

42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(C)(iii) - McKinney-Vento Act

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