

5320 IMMUNIZATION

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board of Education requires the immunization of ~~pupils~~ students against certain diseases in accordance with State statute and rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services.

~~No child shall~~ A student shall not knowingly be admitted or retained in ~~to~~ school if the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has not submitted acceptable evidence of the child's immunization, according to schedules specified in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 – Immunization of Pupils in School. ~~unless he or she has completed required immunizations or has been granted a provisional status in accordance with rules and the regulations implementing this policy.~~

Medical or religious exemptions to immunizations shall be in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3 and 4.4. A child may be admitted to school on a provisional basis in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5.

~~The Board shall not require the immunization of any pupil for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated or any pupil for whom administration of immunizing agents conflicts with bona fide religious tenets or practices.~~

No immunization program, other than that expressly required by the rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services or by order of the New Jersey State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, may be conducted in district schools without the express approval of the Board.

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