

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~~ student shall ~~not knowingly~~ be admitted ~~or retained in school if the parent/parent/guardian 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. However, a child may be admitted to school unless he or she has completed required immunizations or has been granted on a provisional status basis in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5 and Regulation 5320~~ rules and the regulations implementing this policy.

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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. For students with a medical exemption pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3, the school nurse shall annually review student immunization records to confirm the medical condition for the exemption from immunization continues to be applicable in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3(b)3.v.

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~~[The Board will provide, at school district expense, the necessary equipment, materials and services for immunizing students against _____.]~~

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~~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.~~

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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.

N.J.S.A.18A:40-20
N.J.S.A.26:4-6

N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.3,
N.J.A.C.8:57-4.1 et seq.

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