

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 all pupils, except those exempted in accordance with this policy, to be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with state statute and rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health.

The Board will exempt from the provisions of this policy a pupil whose parent or guardian objects to immunization, in a signed, written statement, on the ground that the proposed immunization interferes with the free exercise of the pupil's religious principles and will exempt any pupil exempted from immunization on medical grounds in accordance with rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health. **The written statement shall explain how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious beliefs or practices.**

A pupil who has not complied with the immunization requirements of this district or has not commenced a program of immunization shall be barred from school until the immunization requirements are met.

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

N.J.S.A18A:40-16 et seq.
N.J.S.A. 26:1A-7 et seq., 26:4-6
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq,
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1

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