

Students

SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility under the Public Health Law to ensure that the children under its charge are immunized against measles, polio, diphtheria, mumps, rubella, *Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) **hepatitis B and ***varicella. The Board, therefore, requires that a physician's certificate or some other acceptable evidence of immunization be submitted for all children entering and presently attending school.

The Board directs the administration not to permit any child lacking evidence of immunization to remain in school for more than fourteen (14) days, or thirty (30) days for an out-of-state transferee who can show an effort to obtain the necessary evidence or certification. The administration should notify the local health authority of the name and address of the child, as well as to provide the parent/person in parental relation to the child who has been denied admission or attendance a statement of his/her duty regarding immunization and a consent form prescribed by the Commissioner of Health. The school shall cooperate with the local health authorities to provide a time and place for the immunization of children lacking the same.

The only exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- a) If a child whose parent, parents, or person's in parental relationship hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the practices required, no certificate shall be required as a prerequisite to such child being admitted or received into school or attending school;
- b) If a physician will certify that administering a vaccine to a particular child is detrimental to the child's health, the requirement may be waived by the Board.

A student denied entrance or attendance due to failure of meeting health immunization standards may appeal to the Commissioner of Education.

*Applicable only to Pre-K, Nursery and Day Care.

**Shall apply to children born on or after January 1, 1993, beginning with their enrollment in any public, private or parochial kindergarten, elementary, intermediate or secondary school, and to children born on or after January 1, 1995, beginning with their enrollment in any school, as defined in Public Health Law Section 2164(1)(a). Also, on or after September 1, 2000, all children are to be immunized against hepatitis B prior to enrollment in the seventh (7th) grade in any public, private or parochial intermediate or middle school.

***Shall apply to: children born on or after January 1, 1998 who will enter grades kindergarten and above; all children born on or after January 1, 2000 and enrolled in any school; and effective January 1, 2005, all children born after January 1, 1994 and prior to January 1, 1998 upon such child's initial promotion to, entry into or enrollment in sixth grade.

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Education Law Section 914
Public Health Law Section 2164
10 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)
Subpart 66-1

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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