

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in Mt. Blue Regional School District (RSU 9) are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization or immunity against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella, and varicella (chicken pox).

One dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) is required for students entering 7th grade. Immunization against meningococcal disease is required as follows:

- A. One dose of meningococcal vaccine MCV4 is required for students entering 7th grade.
- B. Students entering 12th grade are required to have received two doses of MCV4. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday, and the second dose shall have been received on or after the 16th birthday, at least eight weeks after the first dose. Only one dose is required If the first dose is administered when the student is 16 years of age or older.

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless one of the following conditions is met:

- A. The student's parents/guardians provide to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within 90 days if this is the first time the student has enrolled in a school located in Maine or it is their first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. This option is available only once to each student during their school career. Students returning to the district after having moved away, re-enrolling in school after having been homeschooled, or transferring from another district in Maine will provide written assurance within 21-days.

OR

The student's parents/guardians provide to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within timeframes established in current Maine law. The parents/guardians provide a physician's written statement each year that immunization against one or more diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation); or

- B. A student covered by an IEP who elected a religious or philosophical exemption prior to September 1, 2021 may continue to attend school under the previous exemption for religious or philosophical beliefs so long as the parent/guardian or the student, if 18 years of age or older, provides a statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that they have consulted with the parent/guardian or student and have made the parent/guardian or student aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize.

The Superintendent shall exclude from school any non-immunized student when there is a clear danger to the health of others as provided by law.

The Superintendent/designee is directed to develop such administrative procedures as are necessary to carry out this policy and comply with statutory requirements.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§ 6352-6359
ME Dept. of Education. Rule Ch. 126 (May 10, 2018)

Cross Reference: JLCC – Communicable/Infectious Diseases
 JRA – Student Educational Records

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