

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in the Lisbon School Department schools 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, rubella, and varicella (chicken pox).

- **Required for Kindergarten entry:**
 - 5 DTaP (4 DTaP if 4th is given on or after 4th birthday)
 - 4 Polio (if 4th dose given before the 4th birthday, an additional age appropriate IPV should be given on or after the 4th birthday)
 - 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
 - 1 Varicella (chickenpox) or reliable history of disease

- **Required for 7th grade entry:**
 - 1 Tdap (effective for the start of the school year 2017/2018)
 - 1 Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) on or after the 11th birthday (effective for the start of the school year 2018/2019)

- **Required for 12th grade entry:**
 - 2 MCV4, only one dose is required if the 1st dose is given on or after 16th birthday (effective for the start of the school year 2018/2019)

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

- A. The parents/guardians provide to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or his/her first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. This option is available only once to each student during their school career; or
- B. 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
- C. The parents/guardians state in writing each year that immunization is contrary to their sincere religious or philosophical beliefs.

[NOTE: With the enactment of L.D 798, "*An Act to Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemption from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements*" in 2019, exemption based on religious or philosophical beliefs is no longer available effective September 1, 2021. There is one exception: 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 existing exemption 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 he/she has consulted with the

parent/guardian or student and has made the parent/guardian or student aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize.]

The Superintendent shall exclude from school activities 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
Chapter 126 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules)

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

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