

Policy JLCB – IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

All parents registering a student in the West Bath SAU (WBSAU) must show written proof that their child has received the following immunizations per State of Maine Immunization Law, before they may attend school. The school nurse will notify the parent/guardian of the statute requirements. If there is no response within five (5) days, the superintendents will be informed and send official notification to the parent that the student must, by law, be excluded from attending school.

The following immunizations are required for entry into a public Pre-Kindergarten Program:

- **4 DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis)**
- **3 Polio**
- **1 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)**
- **1 Varicella (chicken pox) or reliable documented history of disease provided by a physician or primary care provider**

The following immunizations are required for entry into kindergarten:

- **5 DTaP (4 if the fourth dose was given after age 4)**
- **4 Polio (3 if the third dose was given after age 4)**
- **2 MMR**
- **2 VARICELLA**

Acceptable forms of evidence of immunization include previous school health record, medical record from medical office, laboratory results, or official Certificate of Immunization. Each immunization entry must include the vaccine type, date administered and the name of the provider. One of these must be provided to the school main office for a child to attend WBSAU schools.

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless one of the following conditions is 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 and requires a written statement and time schedule approved by a physician; or
- B. Medical Exemption: In accordance with MRS 20-A section 6355, a parent must provide a written statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant that, in that practitioner's professional judgment, immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable. This is to be provided annually to the school where the child attends.
- C. Philosophical or religious exemption: In accordance with MRS 20-A section 6355, a student covered by an Individual Education Plan on September 1, 2021 who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization requirements on or before September 1, 2021 pursuant to the law in effect prior to that date may continue to attend school under that student's existing exemption as long as the parent or guardian of the student provides a statement from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that the practitioner has consulted with that parent or guardian and has made that parent or guardian aware of the risks and benefits associated with the choice to immunize. This is to be provided annually to the school where the child attends.

The Superintendent shall exclude from school any non-immunized students (as defined above) when there is a clear danger to the health of those student(s).

The Superintendent (or 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

05-071 Chapter 126 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules)

10-144 Chapter 261 Department of Health and Human Services Maine CDC and Prevention

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