

POLICY

2017 7611

Students

SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

Every child entering or attending a district school must present proof of immunization in accordance with Section 2146 of Public Health Law unless:

- a) A New York State licensed physician certifies that such immunization may be detrimental to the child's health; or
- b) The student's parent, parents, or persons in parental relation hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the requirement. In such cases, the Building Principal will make a case-by-case determination whether a parent/guardian is entitled to invoke this religious exemption from required immunizations after receiving a written and signed statement from the parent(s) or persons in parental relation to such child.

Except for the above two exemptions, the district may not permit a student lacking evidence of immunization to remain in school for more than fourteen (14) days, or more than thirty (30) days for an out of state or out of country transferee who can show a good faith effort to get the necessary certification or other evidence of immunization.

For homeless children, the enrolling school must immediately refer the parent or guardian of the student to the district's homeless liaison, who must assist them in obtaining the necessary immunizations, or immunization or medical records.

The administration will notify the local health authority of the name and address of excluded students and provide the parent/person in parental relation a statement of his/her duty regarding immunization as well as 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 these students.

Parents, guardians, or other persons in parental relation may appeal to the Commissioner of Education if their child is denied entrance or attendance for failing to meet health immunization standards.

The District will provide an annual summary of compliance with immunization requirements to the Commissioner of Health.

Education Law Sections 310 and 914
Public Health Law Section 2164
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Part 136
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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