

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), and **hepatitis B. Additionally, the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine shall be required for all children born on or after January 1, 1998 who will enter grades kindergarten and above in September 2003; and for all children born on or after January 1, 2000 and enrolled in any school as defined in Public Health Law Section 2164(1). 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.

*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.

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 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 same.

The only exceptions to this policy are as follows:

- a) If a child whose parent, parents, or guardian 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.

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**New York State Immunization Requirements
for School Entrance Attendance (1) - 2005**

SCHOOL → VACCINE ↓	PRE-KINDERGARTEN (2) (DAY CARE, NURSERY, OR PRE K)	SCHOOL (K - 12)
Diphtheria Toxoid Containing Vaccine	3 or more doses	3 or more doses (K - 12)
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis containing vaccine	Born on or after 01/01/05 - 3 or more doses	Not applicable this year
Polio	3 or more doses	3 or more doses (K - 12)
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1 dose of MMR	Born before 1985 - 1 dose of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
Hepatitis B	3 doses	Born on or after 01/01/85 - 2 doses of measles containing vaccine and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR) (K-12)
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	3 doses if less than 15 month of age or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age	Born on or after 01/01/93 - 2 dose series or 3 dose series (3) (K - 12)
Varicella	Born on or after 01/01/2000 1 dose	Not applicable
		Born on or after 01/01/98 - 1 dose (K, 1, 2)
		Born on or after 01/01/94 entering 6 th grade - 1 dose (4) (Grade 6)

- (1) Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician of a child/student having had measles, mumps or varicella is acceptable proof of immunity to those diseases.
- (2) Children in a Pre-Kindergarten setting need to be age appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the recommended schedule.
- (3) Two 10 mg doses of Recombivax HB administered between the ages of 11-15 years is also acceptable.
- (4) Two doses of varicella vaccine are necessary for susceptible children 13 years of age or older.