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## **SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility under the Public Health Law to insure that the children under its charge are immunized appropriately according to New York State Department of Health and New York State Department of Education requirements for school entrance and attendance. The Board, therefore, requires that a physician's certificate or some other acceptable proof of immunization, according to New York State Department of Education guidelines, be submitted for all children entering and presently attending school.

The Board directs the administration or their designee to request proof of immunization for every student entering school.

The following represents New York State Department of Education guidelines concerning the student's allowable attendance before proof of immunization has been received. A student that has not presented proof of immunization may attend school during a 14 calendar day grace period and, if coming from out of state or out of country, the grace period is extended to 30 calendar days. In the event of a child that presents with an immunization record that reveals partial immunization, the Boards directs administration to request valid proof of future appointments and may be allowed to attend school for not more than 14 calendar days; and if coming from out of state or out of country, the grace period is extended to 30 calendar days to present such proof. When a student presents with partial immunization he/she may be considered in process as long as at least one dose of the required immunization has been received and may continue to attend school as long as person(s) in parental relation present valid proof of an upcoming appointment. When a student is being enrolled and is lacking all or partial immunization, the person in parental relation will be given information where immunizations can be obtained. If, after the grace period, proof of immunization or appointment to receive required immunizations has not been received, the student will be excluded from school. At that time, administration will notify the local health department of the name and address of the excluded student and person in parental role.

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 children being admitted or attending school. Religious Exemption forms may be requested from the student's building principal for this purpose and must be completed for approval.
- b) If a physician licensed to practice medicine in New York State certifies that administering a vaccine is detrimental to the child's health, the requirement may be waived by the Board. Per New York State Immunization Guidelines a medical exemption must be issued by a physician licensed to practice medicine in New York State and reissued annually.

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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Education Law Section 310

Education Law Article 19-906 and 19-914

Public Health Law Section 2164

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