

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

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Students will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, tetanus, measles, and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health. The only exception to these requirements will be made on receipt of a written statement from a doctor that immunization would not be in the best interests of the child; or from the student's parent/legal guardian stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent.

If parents/legal guardians do not adhere to Massachusetts General Law requiring these immunizations for their children, then the administration may take appropriate steps to prohibit students from attending school until the parents/legal guardians can provide evidence that the student has had the required immunizations.

Massachusetts General Law References:

M.G.L. 76:15 – Vaccination and Immunization

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