

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

JLCB – IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

Category: Recommended

Related Policies: EBCF, EBCG, JFABD, JLC & JLCA

Immunization Required

Any child being admitted to the District must present proof of meeting immunization requirements, unless exempted for the reasons stated below. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child. The school nurse, principal, or designee is responsible for documenting that all students have been immunized prior to school entrance in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-a.

The school will notify parents/ guardians of this requirement at the earliest possible date, so that the necessary plans can be made with the family physician or other medical resources to accomplish this standard prior to a child being admitted to school.

Exemptions

A student shall be exempted from the above immunization requirements for two reasons:

- (1) if he/she presents written documentation in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-c from his/her physician that immunization will be detrimental to his/her health.
- (2) a child will be excused from immunization for religious reasons, upon the signing of a form by the parent or guardian stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.

In the event of an outbreak, students who have been exempted from immunization requirements will be excluded from school for a period of time, to be established after consultation with the NH Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS), if such students are considered to be at-risk for the disease that they have not been immunized against.

Conditional Enrollment

A child who has not met the immunizations requirements of paragraph A, above, may be "conditionally" enrolled and allowed to attend school when the parent/guardian provides:

1. Documentation of at least one dose for each required vaccine; AND
2. The appointment date for the next dose of required but incomplete vaccine.

The appointment date shall serve as the exclusion date if the child does not keep the scheduled appointment. Conditional enrollment shall not be extended to the next school year for the same dose of vaccine.

Homeless Students and Unaccompanied Youth

Pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Act and Board Policy JFABD, homeless students and/or unaccompanied youth, may enroll and attend school while the Homeless Liaison works with the family/student to obtain examinations or documentation of the same.

Military Children and Military Connected Students

Pursuant to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (RSA 110-D:5, III) immunization(s) (or for a series of immunizations, the initial vaccination(s)) shall be obtained within 30 days from the date of the military child/military connected student's enrollment, or within a time frame determined under the rules of the Interstate Commission.

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Records

The school nurse, principal, or designee trained in state immunization requirements is responsible for documenting whether students have been immunized prior to school entrance in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-a, or that one of the circumstances described in in the exemptions section above apply. The Superintendent shall ensure that the District maintains immunization records in accordance with NH DHHS regulations.

District Policy History:

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Legal References:

RSA 110-D:5, III, Educational Records and Enrollment

RSA141-C:20-a, Immunization

RSA 141-C:20-c, Exemptions

RSA 141-C:20-d, Exclusion During Outbreak of Disease

RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse

N.H. Dept. of Ed., Admin. Rule Ed 311.01, Immunization Program

N.H. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Admin. Rule He-P 301, Communicable Diseases

42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(C)(iii) - McKinney-Vento Act