

IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

NEPN/NSBA Code: JLCB

All students who enroll in the Fayette Central School are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization or immunity against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella.

Certificate of Immunization

To demonstrate adequate immunization against each disease, a child shall present the school with a Certificate of Immunization from a physician, nurse or health official who has administered the immunizing agent(s) to the child. The certificate shall specify the immunizing agent, the dosage administered and the date(s) on which it was administered.

Proof of Immunity

The child shall present the school with laboratory evidence demonstrating immunity.

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless one of the following conditions are met:

- A. The parents/guardians provide to the school written assurance that the child will be immunized within 90 days of enrolling in school or his/her first attendance in classes, whichever date is earlier. This option is available only once to each student during their school career; or
- B. A period of 21 calendar days may be granted to allow for the transfer of health records from one school to another; or
- C. The parents/guardians state in writing each year that immunization is contrary to their religious, moral, or philosophical beliefs, or other personal reason.

Exclusion From School

The Superintendent shall exclude from school any non-immunized student when there is a clear danger to the health of others as provided by law.

- A. Exclusion by Order of Public Health Official — A child not immunized or immune from a disease shall be excluded from school when in the opinion of a public health official the child's continued presence in school poses a clear danger to the health of others. The Superintendent shall exclude the child from school during the period of danger or until the child is immunized.

The following periods are defined as the "period of danger":

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| Measles: | 15 days (one incubation period) from the onset of symptoms of the last identified case. |
| Rubella: | 23 days (one incubation period) from the onset of symptoms of the last identified case. |
| Mumps: | 18 days (one incubation period) from the onset of symptoms of the last identified case. |

B. Exclusion by Order of Superintendent — A Superintendent shall also exclude from the public schools any child on account of filth or communicable disease, in accordance with 20-A MRSA §6301. The Superintendent shall also exclude from public school any child or employee who has contracted or has been exposed to a communicable disease, as directed by a public health official.

C. Requirement for Educational Arrangements — For any child so excluded from school for more than 10 days, the Superintendent must make arrangements to meet his/her educational needs. This section does not require the provision of off-site classes or tutoring. Instead, the child's educational needs may be met by making arrangements for the delivery of school assignments, correction of papers, and similar activities which can be accomplished at home. Any child who is unable to take examinations during this period shall be afforded the opportunity to make up the examinations, similar to arrangements made for children who have other excused absences.

The Superintendent/designee is directed to develop such administrative procedures as are necessary to carry out this policy and comply with statutory requirements.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 6352-6359
Chapter 126 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules)

Cross Reference: JLCC — COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES
JRA — STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

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