

# Immunization

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In order to safeguard the School community from the spread of certain communicable diseases in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the School requires all students to be immunized against poliomyelitis, measles, diphtheria, rubella (German measles), pertussis, tetanus, mumps, and others legally designated in accordance with State statutes, unless specifically exempt for medical or other reasons. The School also requires that students who start kindergarten during or after the School year beginning in 1999 be immunized against Hepatitis B or be in the process of being immunized.

The Director may exempt a Student from being immunized against either or both measles and mumps if the Student presents a signed statement from a Parent or physician indicating s/he has had measles or mumps and does not need to be immunized. The Student will be allowed to attend school only if a physician's statement indicates there is no danger of contagion. In case of an outbreak of the disease for which the Student has not been immunized or an epidemic, the Director shall not allow the Student to attend School.

The Director may also exempt a student from immunization if a physician certifies in writing that immunization from a particular disease is medically contra-indicated.

A Student may also be exempted from immunization if a Parent objects for good cause, including religious conviction. The School will honor the above objection(s); however, it must be understood that the School may immediately and automatically exclude such Student from School in the event of any outbreak of disease for which such student is not properly immunized.

A Student who has not completed immunization may be admitted to School provided the necessary immunizations are being received in the fastest time consistent with the approved immunization schedule and good medical practice.

The Board believes that immunization is the primary responsibility of the parent(s).