IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

All students who enroll in Mt. Blue Regional School District 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, and varicella (chicken pox).

Non-immunized students shall not be permitted to attend school unless one of the following conditions is 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 his/her school career; or

B. The parents/guardians provide a physician's written statement each year that immunization against one or more diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation); or

C. The parents/guardians state in writing each year that immunization is contrary to their sincere religious or philosophical beliefs.

D. The parents/guardians grant written consent for their child to be immunized by a public health official, physician, nurse, or other authorized person employed by or acting as an agent of the school system.

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.

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  Sections 6352-6359

Cross Reference: JLCC – Communicable Infectious Diseases
JRA – Student Educational Records

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