

Students

Immunizations

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Education shall require each student to be protected by adequate immunizations against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B, hepatitis B, chicken pox (varicella), pneumococcal disease, hepatitis A, influenza, and meningococcal disease, unless medically contraindicated or failure to do so is based upon a written notarized statement that such immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the child and/or the child's parent/guardian.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5141.31 - Physical Examinations for School Programs)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5125.11 - Health/Medical Records – HIPAA)

(cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-204a Required immunizations (as amended by PA 15-174 and PA 15-242)
10-204c Immunity from liability
10-205 Appointment of school medical adviser
10-206 Health assessments 10-207 Duties of medical advisors
10-206a Free health assessments
10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment
10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; board to honor notice
10-209 Records not to be public. Provision of reports to schools.
10-212 School nurses and nurse practitioners
10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings. When required. Notification of parents re defects; record of results. Department of Public Health, Public Health Code, 10-204a-2a, 10-204a-3a, 10-204a-20 U.S.C. Section 1232h, No Child Left Behind Act
Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g)
42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-8, P.L. 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

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Religious Exemption from Immunizations Certificate

Children with religious exemptions shall be permitted to attend school except in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak in the school. All susceptible students will be excluded from school based on public health officials' determination that the school is a primary site for disease exposure, transmission and spread into the community. Students excluded from school for this reason will not be able to return to school until (1) the danger of the outbreak has passed as determined by public health officials, (2) the student becomes ill with the disease and completely recovers, or (3) the student is immunized. For example, for measles the complete incubation period is eighteen (18) days from the onset of symptoms for the last case in the community. Outbreaks like measles may last for several months.

According to state statutes (Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-7f and 10-204a), no child may be admitted to school without proof of immunization or a statement of exemption. Parents or guardians seeking an exemption on the basis that immunizations would be contrary to religious beliefs of the child should complete the following statement and return it to the school nurse.

To Whom It May Concern:

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____
Name of student

I/we hereby assert that the immunization of this student would be contrary to the religious beliefs of this child. Therefore, this child shall be exempt from the required immunizations under Section 10-204a of the Connecticut General Statutes and shall be permitted to attend school except in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak in the school.

Date

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number