

All students who enroll in the school unit schools are required by Maine law to present a certificate of immunization or evidence of immunization or immunity as required by 20-A MRS §§ 6352-6359 and the rules issued jointly by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the Maine Center of Disease Control and Prevention, within the Department of Health and Human Services. Here is a link to the [digital list of required immunizations](#) posted at the DOE website and a link to the [rules for Chapter 261](#) governing this topic.

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

- A. The student's parent/guardian provides 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. The parent/guardian provides the written documentation necessary to qualify for a temporary exemption, such as a statement each year from a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant that, in his/her professional judgment, immunization against one or more of the diseases may be medically inadvisable (as defined by law/regulation) and has made the parent/guardian or student aware of the risks and benefits.

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 §§ 6352-6359  
Chapter 126 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rules)  
Cross Reference: JLCC - Communicable/Infectious Diseases  
JRA - Student Educational Records

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