

Immunization of Students draft policy

Students entering school for the first time, whether at preschool, kindergarten, or through transfer from another school system, or foreign exchange students, will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against communicable diseases in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Until these requirements are fulfilled, students will be excluded from school. The only exception to these requirements will be made on receipt of a written statement from a physician that immunization would not be in the best interest of the child, or by the child's parent or guardian stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent/guardian.

A homeless child without immunization records will be enrolled and permitted to attend school while the school assists in obtaining immunization records or the necessary vaccinations in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act of 2001.

Certificates and written exemptions must be received and validated by the PSB school health prior to any in person attendance by the student in school activities. Letters of exemption must be renewed annually.

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