

## **INOCULATIONS OF STUDENTS**

Prior to entering school for the first time, whether at kindergarten or through transfer from another school system, students will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against diphtheria, pertusis, poliomyelitis, tetanus, measles, and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health. The only exception to these requirements will be made on receipt of a written statement from a doctor that immunization would endanger the child's health. If the school physician does not agree with the child's physician, the matter will be referred to the Department of Public Health, whose decision will be final.

In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the Department of Public Health, no child whose parent/guardian states in writing that vaccination or immunization conflicts with his/her religious beliefs shall be required to present said physicians certificate in order to be admitted to school.

Established by law

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 76:15

CROSS REF.: JHD, Denial of Admission from School Attendance