

**SUBJECT: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

Every child entering or attending a Port Jervis City School District school must present proof of immunization in accordance with Section 2164 of Public Health Law unless:

- a) A New York State licensed physician certifies that such immunization may be detrimental to the child's health; or
- b) The student's parent, parents, or persons in parental relation hold genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to the requirement. In such cases, the Building Principal will make a case-by-case determination whether a parent/guardian is entitled to invoke this religious exemption from required immunizations.

Except for the above two exemptions, the District may not permit a student lacking evidence of immunization to remain in school for more than fourteen (14) days, or more than thirty (30) days for an out-of-state or out-of-country transferee who can show a good faith effort to get the necessary certification or other evidence of immunization.

The administration will notify the local health authority of the name and address of excluded students and provide the parent/person in parental relation a statement of his/her duty regarding immunization as well as a consent form prescribed by the Commissioner of Health. The school shall cooperate with the local health authorities to provide a time and place for the immunization of these students.

Parents, guardians or other persons in parental relation may appeal to the Commissioner of Education if their child is denied school entrance or attendance for failing to meet health immunization standards.

The District will provide an annual summary of compliance with immunization requirements to the Commissioner of Health.

Education Law Section 914  
Public Health Law Section 2164  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)  
Part 136  
10 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)  
Subpart 66-1

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7131 -- Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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