JLCA – IMMUNIZATION, PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Immunization - Any student being admitted to the School District for the first time must meet the State requirements for immunization.

1. Homeless Students - If an admitted homeless student does not have immediate access to his or her immunization records, the student shall be admitted under a personal exception. Students and families should be encouraged to obtain current immunization records or immunizations as soon as possible with the assistance of the school homeless coordinator. Records from the student's previous school shall also be requested.

2. Health Exemption - A child shall be exempted from the above immunization requirements if he/she presents evidence from his/her physician that immunization will be detrimental to his/her health.

3. Religious Exemption - A child shall be excused from immunization for religious reasons by the parent/guardian stating in writing that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.

4. Transfer Students – Parents of students transferring to the District must present proof of meeting the immunization requirement within thirty days of entrance. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child.

5. In the event of an outbreak, students who have been exempted from or have not met immunization requirements will be excluded from school for a period of time to be established after consultation with the NH Department of Health & Human Services, if such students are considered to be at risk for the disease that they have not been immunized against.

Physical Examination – Prior to entering the school district, each child must have a complete physical examination within a one-year period before first entry to school.

1. Religious Exemption - No medical examination shall be required of a child whose parent or guardian objects in writing on the grounds such medical examination is contrary to his/her religious tenets and teachings.

2. Transfer Students - Parents of students transferring to the District must present proof of meeting the physical examination requirement within thirty days of entrance. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child.

Athletic Eligibility - Students must have an up-to-date immunization record and a current physical examination signed, dated, and office stamped by a medical practitioner stating that the student is physically fit to participate in school sponsored sport. Students wishing to participate in sports are required to have a completed physical examination within one calendar year prior to grades 6, 9, and 11.

Students must complete a baseline concussion test prior to participating in school sponsored athletics. Students continuing to participate in the athletic program must be re-tested within two years of the previous concussion test on file. Student athletes significantly injured or ill are also required to be re-examined in order to be eligible for athletic participation. Written permission must be received from the medical provider and parent/guardian for an athlete to return after a significant injury or illness.

Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Eligibility – The District may also require similar requirements to that of athletic eligibility for participation in co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities.

Notification – School Principals will notify parents/guardians of these requirements at the earliest possible date so that the necessary plans can be made to meet these requirements.

Statutory/Regulatory/Policy/Handbook Cross References

RSA 141-C:20-a (Immunizations)

RSA 141-C:20-c (Exemptions)

RSA 141-C:20-d (Exclusion During Outbreak of Disease)

RSA 200:32 (Physical Examination of Pupils)

RSA 200:38 (Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse)

NH Code of Administrative Rules ED 311.01 (Immunization Program)

NH Code of Administrative Rules ED 311.03 (Physical Examination of Students)

No Child Left Behind, Title II, Section 1061

Handbook (Referenced in Handbooks)

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