

**NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

Students entering school for the first time, whether at kindergarten or through transfer from another school district, will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against 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 not be in the best interests of the child, or by the student's parent or guardian stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent/guardian.

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CROSS REF.: JF, School Admissions

**Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has updated the Massachusetts School Immunization Requirements to include a documented seasonal dose of the Influenza Vaccine. This requirement will remain in effect until rescinded by the Governor.**

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