

Students Section: JLCB

## **IMMUNIZATION POLICY**

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 upon receipt of a written statement from a doctor that immunization would not be in the best interests of the child (medical exemption), 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 (religious exemption). These letters must be provided to the school nurses annually, on the first day of school.

SOURCE: MASC October 2016

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