

# POLICY

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## Board of Education Bernards Township

File Code: 5320  
IMMUNIZATION

In accordance with State statute and rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services, to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board of Education requires the immunization of pupils against certain diseases.

No child shall be admitted to school unless he or she has completed the immunizations required by the State or has been granted a provisional status in accordance with the regulations implementing this policy.

The Board shall not require the immunization of any pupil for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated or any pupil for whom administration of immunizing agents conflicts with bona fide religious tenets or practices. The parents of such a pupil shall submit appropriate documentation from a physician when this is pertaining to medical exemption. A signed statement by the parent / guardian is required along with an explanation of how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices in order to grant a religious exemption.

No immunization program, other than that expressly required by the rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services or by order of the New Jersey State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, may be conducted in district schools without the express approval of the Board.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to develop and implement procedures for this policy that would comply with State laws and code.

LEGAL: N.J.S.A. 18A: 40-20  
N.J.S.A. 26: IA - 7 et seq., 26: 2N - 1 et seq.; 26: 4 - 6 N.J.A.C. 8:57 - 4.1 et seq.

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