

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: Policy 904.06
Responsible Office: DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

A. PURPOSE

To establish policy governing required immunizations for students.

B. ISSUE

State law provides that, in cooperation with the State Board and the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the immunizations required of children entering schools.

C. POSITION

In accordance with state law and regulations, Anne Arundel County Public Schools will not knowingly admit or retain a student in school who has not furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity, unless a student presents a licensed physician's or health officer's written statement that the student's immunization is medically contraindicated or a child whose parent(s) or guardian(s) objects to immunization on the ground that it conflicts with the parent's or guardian's bona fide religious beliefs and practices may not be required to present a physician's certification of immunization in order to be admitted to school. In the event that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene declares an emergency or epidemic of disease, the foregoing religious exemption does not apply.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted: 11/1/07.
Note Previous History: Replaces 904.06, Revised 5/20/91.