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### 5320 - **IMMUNIZATION**

In order 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 all students to be immunized against poliomyelitis, rubeola, diphtheria, rubella (German measles), pertussis, tetanus, mumps, and other legally designated in accordance with State Statutes, unless specifically exempt for medical or other reasons. This Board requires that students who start Kindergarten during or after the school year beginning 1999 be immunized against Hepatitis B or be in the process of being immunized. The Board also requires that students who start kindergarten during or after the school year beginning in 2006 be immunized against chicken pox. The Board further requires that students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 during or after the school year beginning in 2016 be immunized against meningococcal disease in accordance with the administration procedures prescribed by the Ohio Department of Health (see AG 5320). This policy pertains to both students who currently attend school in the District and those eligible to attend.

The Superintendent may exempt a student from being immunized against either or both rubeola and mumps if the student presents a signed statement from a parent or physician indicating s/he has had natural rubeola or mumps and does not need to be immunized. The student will be allowed to attend school only if a physician's statement indicates there is no danger of contagiousness.

In the case of a chicken pox epidemic in the school's population, the Superintendent may deny admission to a student otherwise exempted from the chicken pox immunization requirement. The Superintendent shall prescribe methods whereby the academic standing of a student who is denied admission during a chicken pox epidemic is preserved.

The Superintendent may also exempt a student from immunization if a physician certifies in writing that immunization from a particular disease is medically contra-indicated. The Superintendent may prohibit the student from attending school, however, if the immunization would have been for mumps, poliomyelitis, rubeola, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, or tetanus.

A student may also be exempted from immunization if a parent or guardian objects for good cause, including religious conviction. The Board shall allow a student to attend school who has not been immunized because of such an objection.

A student who has not completed immunization may be admitted to school provided the necessary immunizations are being received in the fastest time consistent with the approved immunization schedule and good medical practice.

The Board believes that immunization is the primary responsibility of the parent(s). For those students who do not have ready access to private or public health services, immunizations shall be provided at public expense.

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