



POLICY: School Immunization

Prior to enrollment at Thornton Academy, all students must present evidence of immunization for each disease as required by state regulation (MDOE, Chapter 126).

Non-immunized students are not permitted to attend school except in the following circumstances:

- A student's parent/guardian provides a written statement that the student will be immunized within 90 days of enrollment or first attending classes at Thornton Academy, whichever comes first.
 - This exception may be utilized one time only.
- A student's parent/guardian provides a written statement of opposition to immunization due to religious belief and/or philosophical reasons.
 - Such a statement must be provided annually.
- A student's primary care provider indicates in writing that immunization against one or more of the covered diseases is inadvisable medically.
 - Such documentation must be provided annually.

A period of 21 calendar days may be granted to allow for the transfer of health records from one school to another.

When a homeless student lacks documentation of immunization, the student will be referred to the Student Services Department (homeless services coordination).

All students who are not immunized for any of the above circumstances shall be excluded from school during an outbreak of the vaccine-preventable disease for which the student is not immunized. The exclusion will be for the danger period defined by rule (DOE Chapter 126).

The School Nurse will submit Thornton Academy's Immunization Report to the Maine Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health, annually by December 15.