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IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

Students entering school for the first time, whether at kindergarten or through transfer from another school system, will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, tetanus, measles, and such other 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 on receipt of a written statement from a doctor that immunization would not be in the best interests of the child; or, the student's parent or guardian stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent.

Under the guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 105 CMR 220.000, the Chicopee Public Schools will allow a student who has not submitted a complete immunization record to enroll in school if there is no medical emergency or epidemic and as long as the student obtains the mandated immunizations within 30 calendar days from the date enrollment is granted. The 30 calendar days time period does not apply to those parents/guardians that present written documentation that their child/children meet the standards for medical or religious exemptions set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 76 Section 15. Above all, the Chicopee Public Schools reserves the right to exclude any student from school if he/she has not been completely immunized within the allotted 30 calendar days from the date of enrollment.

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