

RYE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RYE, NEW YORK

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IMMUNIZATIONS

In order to ensure that children entering and attending school are adequately immunized against vaccine preventable disease, the Rye City School District, in accordance with New York State Public Health Law, requires all children entering grades K-12 to be fully immunized prior to entering school.

Exemptions for this requirement include:

- Serological proof of immunity in place of a vaccination for the following diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and polio.
- Physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner diagnosed history of varicella (date/year of illness).
- A medical exemption when a contraindication to vaccination exists. The medical exemption must be certified by a NYS licensed physician, renewed annually, approved by Rye City School District.
- A religious exemption if a student or a student's parent/guardian is a bona fide member of a religious organization whose practices or religious beliefs prohibit immunization. Parent/guardian may oppose immunization on religious grounds without belonging to an organized religion (*Allanson v. Clinton CSD, 1984*). Rye City School District has the authority to accept or reject the request for religious exemption.
- "In process," a child that has received at least the first dose of all required immunization series required by section 2164 of the Public Health Law and has age appropriate appointments to complete the immunization series. If a child has not had at least the first dose, he/she would not be considered "in process."

No child may be admitted to school without an appropriate immunization certificate or record.

If a child is excluded from attending school, the school principal must notify the local health authority, and notify the parent/guardian of the immunization requirements. A parent/guardian may appeal a denial of admission to the Commissioner of Education.

Ref. Education Law 264 (2)
Public Health Law 2164 (6), (8-a), (7) (b), (8), (9)

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