

The Policy Committee approved language in blue at its public work session on 12/13/23.

File: JHCB

INOCULATIONS OF STUDENTS

I. Purpose

The purpose of Policy JHCB is to comply with Maryland law by requiring all students enrolling in or currently enrolled in Washington County Public Schools ("WCPS") to be inoculated against diseases as mandated by state law and regulations.

II. Background

The State of Maryland requires all students attending a public school in Maryland to have immunizations that are up to date. State law prohibits students from attending school if their immunizations are not up to date.

III. Policy Statement/Procedures

~~The Board of Education of Washington County, cognizant of the need to protect children entering school from immunizable diseases, supports the Maryland State Immunization Laws and directs the school system to implement appropriate procedures to accompany this policy.~~

- A. The Board of Education shall require all students enrolling in or currently enrolled in WCPS to furnish evidence of age-appropriate immunizations as required by state law and regulation.
- B. State law permits parents/legal guardians to have their student exempt from the state immunization requirements based on religion. The Board of Education will accept such exemptions that are submitted in accordance with state law and regulations and the accompanying administrative regulation.
- C. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate an administrative regulation to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: [Education Article, §7-4023, Annotated Code of Maryland](#) ~~of *The Public School Laws of Maryland*~~
[Code of Maryland Administrative Regulations 10.06.04 and 13A.05.05](#)

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Board of Education of Washington County