

**REQUESTS FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM IMMUNIZATION**

The Board of Education recognizes the need to balance the protection of public health against the constitutional right of parent/legal guardians to raise their children in accordance with their own religious views. To this end and in accordance with state law and regulation, parents have the right to request that their child receive an exemption from immunization based upon their genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are contrary to immunization.

The district has established a regulation for processing such requests. Parents who wish to request an exemption from immunization on religious grounds are to contact the School Nurse or Building Principal for information regarding the process and type of information required.

REF: Public Health Law §2164(9)  
*Lewis v. Sobol*, 710 F.Supp. 506 (S.D.N.Y. 1989)  
*Sherr v. Northport-East Northport USFD*, 672 F. Supp. 81 (E.D.N.Y. 1987)  
*Appeal of Quigley*, 41 EDR 399 (2002)  
*Appeal of Swett*, 34 EDR 492 (1994)

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