

## Procedure

**File: JLCB**

### **IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS PRESCHOOL – GRADE 12**

According to State Law, school principals are reminded of their responsibility as it relates to the requirements for the immunization of all students in Grades Preschool-12. The School Immunization Law applies to:

- Entering Preschool and Kindergarten pupils.
- Entering transfer pupils in Grades Preschool – Grade 12.
- Students either entering Grade 7 or students 11 years of age.
- Any pupil presently in the Worcester Public Schools deemed not to be in conformity with the Immunization Law.

Your attention is called to the following points:

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 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 by the student's parent or guardian stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act guarantees children experiencing homelessness immediate enrollment in school with or without medical records.