

## PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION: DOCUMENTS ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE OF IMMUNIZATION

The following documents will be accepted as evidence of a pupil's immunization history ***provided that the individual immunizations and the date when each immunization was administered are listed:***

1. An official school record from any school indicating compliance with the immunization requirements listed below.
2. A record from any public health department indicating compliance with the immunization requirements listed below.
3. A certificate signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy, or a certified nurse practitioner in any jurisdiction in the United States indicating compliance with the immunization requirements listed below.

### **Medical Exemptions**

A medical exemption is acceptable from a licensed M.D. or D.O. or Certified Nurse Practitioner or PA. ***Medical exemptions must be submitted and reviewed annually.*** A medical exemption is acceptable if it is based upon a valid medical contradiction according to the American Academy of Pediatrics standards.

### **Religious Exemptions**

A parent/guardian may request a religious exemption by submitting a written statement to the Board, ***which explains how to the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of religious tenets and practices.*** These letters will be reviewed by the West Milford Board of Education. New Jersey legislation does not recognize philosophical or moral objections as reasons for securing a religious exemption.

### **Exceptions for Students Listed Above**

Tuberculin skin testing is not required if the student has attended school in another state prior to entering the New Jersey school system.

Students entering a U.S. school for the first time in New Jersey or transferring into a New Jersey school from another country must receive an IGRA or Mantoux Tuberculin skin test unless they are entering from the list of countries which have a low incidence of TB and require no TB testing. This list can be obtained from the School Nurse's Office.

Any student with parents claiming religious exemption cannot be compelled to submit to tuberculin skin testing. In these instances, a symptom assessment must be done. If TB-like symptoms are reported, a physician must document that the student does not have an active disease. Each school district is responsible for determining the criteria essential to document a valid religious exemption.

***Please notify the school nurse at registration if your child has Food Allergies/Asthma/EPI-Pen or other health issues.***