



# Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation

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## Immunization Exemption - Religious Objection

Printed Student Full Legal Name:		School Year:	
Date of Birth:		Grade Level:	
School Attending	<input type="checkbox"/> RCPS	<input type="checkbox"/> Van Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> RCMS <input type="checkbox"/> RCHS

### Indiana Code 20-34-3-2 Immunization Exception Religious Objection

*"Except as otherwise provided, a student may not be required to undergo any testing, examination, immunization, or treatment required under this chapter IC-20-34-4 when the child's parent objects on a religious grounds. A religious objection does not exempt a child from any testing, examination, immunization, or treatment required under this chapter of IC 20-34-4 unless the objection is:*

1. *Made in writing;*
2. *Signed by the child's parent; and*
3. *Delivered to the child's teacher or the individual who might order a test, an exam, an immunization, or treatment absent the objection."*

*The written document, signed by the parent, must state that the objection to immunization is based on religious grounds. There is no requirement that the statement must be from the pastor of a church, appear on church letterhead, or provide proof that they are members of a religious organization. The Indiana State Department of Health policy requires that the written statement be verified by the parent each year.*

### Parent Statement:

I would like to request that my child be excused from the State immunization requirement based on the following reasons:

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In accordance with Indiana Code 20-34-3-2.

Parent Printed Name:	
Parent Signature:	
Date:	

**MR. ANDREW J. JONES**  
Superintendent



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child has a medical/religious exemption to vaccination and is not fully immunized. Although your child remains at risk for getting a vaccine preventable disease, IC 20-34-4 permits your child to attend school.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease for which your child is not fully vaccinated, your child may be excluded from school to protect his/her health and the health of all our students and staff. It is important to understand that with some diseases such as measles, one infected child is an outbreak. The length of time your child will be kept out of school depends on the disease. Your child's exclusion may be as long as 3-4 weeks.

If your child is excluded from school, your child will also be excluded from school sponsored activities, such as sporting events, dances and graduation that occur within the exclusion period. The school will notify you when your child can return to school.

Incompletely vaccinated children can be excluded from school due to cases of measles, chickenpox, pertussis, mumps or any other preventable disease (at the discretion of the local health officer).

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### **Acknowledgement of Consequences of Incomplete Vaccination**

I understand that my child may be excluded from school in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease.

I understand that school exclusion includes after-school activities, such as sporting events, dances, and graduation.

I understand that my child may be required to stay home for multiple weeks during an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease for which he/she is not vaccinated.

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Parent Signature:	
Date:	
Student's Name:	
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