







**SECTION BELOW FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

If, after review of the parental statement, questions remain about the existence of a sincerely held religious belief, Department of Health regulation [10 NYCRR, Section 66-1.3(d)] permits the principal to request supporting documents. Some examples include:

- A letter from an authorized representative of the church, temple, religious institution, etc. attended by the student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s), literature from the church, temple, religious institution, etc. explaining doctrine/beliefs that prohibit immunization (Note: Student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) need not necessarily be a member of an organized religion or religious institution to obtain a religious exemption);
- Other writings or sources upon which the student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) relied in formulating religious beliefs that prohibit immunization;
- A copy of any student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) statements to healthcare providers or school district officials in a district of prior residence explaining the religious basis for refusing immunization;
- Any documents or other information the student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) may be willing to provide that reflect a sincerely held religious objection to immunization (for example: disclosure of whether student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) or other students have been immunized, student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s)'s current position on allowing the student to receive or refuse other kinds of medical treatment.)

Reviewer Name :

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Indicate Result of Request Review:

APPROVED: Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

DENIED: Date of Denial \_\_\_\_\_

State Specifically Reason(s) for Denial:

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Reviewer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) must be notified in writing of the approval or denial of the request. If the request is denied, the notification letter must include the specific reason(s) for denial.
- If a religious exemption request is denied, the student and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) may appeal the denial to the Commissioner of Education within thirty (30) days of the decision, pursuant to Education Law, Section 310.