

IMMUNIZATIONS

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Governing Board shall cooperate with state and local public health agencies to encourage and facilitate immunization of all district students against preventable diseases.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Each student enrolling for the first time in a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program shall present an immunization record from any authorized private or public health care provider certifying that he/she has received all required immunizations in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

However, when necessary, a transfer student may be conditionally admitted for up to 30 school days while his/her immunization records are being transferred from the previous school. If these records do not arrive within 30 school days, the student shall present written documentation by an authorized health care provider showing that the required immunizations were received. If such documentation is not presented, the student shall be excluded from school until the required immunizations have been administered. (17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

The Superintendent or designee may arrange for an authorized health care provider to administer immunizations at school to any student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing. At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of their right to provide consent for the administration of an immunization to their child at school. (Education Code 49403)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
44871 Qualifications of supervisor of health
46010 Total days of attendance
48216 Immunizations
48853.5 Immediate enrollment of foster youth
48980 Required notification of rights
49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunizations
49426 Duties of school nurses
49701 Flexibility in enrollment of children of military families
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable disease, especially:
120335 Immunization requirement for admission
120395 Information about meningococcal disease, including recommendation for
vaccination
120440 Disclosure of immunization information
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
430 Student records
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
11432 Immediate enrollment of homeless children
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
California Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs, July 2003
Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry
Guide to the Requirements of the California School Immunization Law for Parents of
Children in or Entering School or Child Care
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and H1N1, October 2009
WEB SITES
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch:
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>
U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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Required Immunizations

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians, upon school registration, a written notice summarizing the state's immunization requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program nor advance a student to specified grade levels unless that student has presented documentation of full immunization, in accordance with the age/grade and dose required by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), against the following diseases: (Health and Safety Code 120335; 17 CCR 6020)

1. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
2. Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) (DTP, DTaP, or Tdap)
3. Poliomyelitis (polio)
4. Hepatitis B
5. Varicella (chickenpox)
6. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib meningitis)
7. Any other disease designated by the CDPH

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

The student's immunization record shall be provided by the student's health care provider or from the student's previous school immunization record. The record must show the date that each dose was administered.

Exemptions

Exemption from immunization requirements is allowed when: (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370; 17 CCR 6051)

1. The student's parent/guardian states in writing that immunization is contrary to his/her beliefs.

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However, if there is good cause to believe that the student has been exposed to one of the communicable diseases listed above, the student may be temporarily excluded from school until the local public health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing the disease.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

2. The student's parent/guardian provides a written statement by a licensed physician that the physical condition or medical circumstances of the student are such that immunization is unsafe or is permanently not indicated, in which case the student shall be exempted to the extent indicated by the physician's statement.

Exclusions Due to Lack of Immunizations

Any student without the required evidence of immunization may be excluded from school until the immunization is obtained or the student presents a letter or affidavit of exemption from his/her parent/guardian or physician to the Superintendent or designee.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

Before an already admitted student is excluded from school attendance because of lack of immunization, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian that he/she has 10 school days to supply evidence of proper immunization or an appropriate letter of exemption. (Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040)

This notice shall refer the parent/guardian to the student's usual source of medical care or, if the student has no usual source of medical care, then to the county health department or school immunization program, if any. (Education Code 48216)

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude from further attendance any already admitted student who fails to obtain the required immunization within 10 school days following the parent/guardian's receipt of the notice specified above, unless the student is exempt from immunization for medical reasons or personal beliefs. The student shall remain excluded from school until he/she has received another dose of each required vaccine due at that time. The student shall also be reported to the attendance supervisor or principal. (17 CCR 6055)

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Conditional Enrollment

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from an authorized health care provider that: (Health and Safety Code 120340; 17 CCR 6000, 6035)

1. He/she has received some but not all required immunizations and is not due for any vaccine dose at the time of admission
2. He/she has a temporary exemption from immunization for medical reasons

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses when they become due as specified in 17 CCR 6035.

The Superintendent or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally every 30 days until that student has received all the required immunizations. If the student does not receive the required immunizations within the specified time limits, he/she shall be excluded from further attendance until the immunizations are received. (Health and Safety Code 120375; 17 CCR 6070)

Records

The Superintendent or designee shall record each new entrant's immunizations in the California School Immunization Record and retain it as part of the student's mandatory permanent student record. District staff shall maintain the confidentiality of immunization records and may disclose such information to state and local health departments only in accordance with law. (Health and Safety Code 120375, 120440; 17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)