

TUBERCULOSIS TESTING

The Governing Board recognizes that tuberculosis poses a public health threat. Treatment of active cases of this disease is the most effective means of controlling its spread.

CUSD requires tuberculosis screening (which may include a TB skin test or physician statement of freedom from symptoms) as a requirement for entry into preschool or before first school entry.

The Superintendent or designee may require a tuberculosis skin test when qualified medical personnel reasonably suspect a student has active tuberculosis. If there is an outbreak of tuberculosis at any school, the Superintendent or designee may require all students at the school to undergo tuberculosis skin tests.

Students known to have had a positive tuberculosis skin test shall be excluded from school until they provide evidence of a follow-up chest x-ray and appropriate medical care.

The following protocol shall be followed for any student who has a positive TB skin test:

1. The parent/guardian must provide the school with verification of a chest x-ray before the student enters class.
2. If the student is found to have active infectious tuberculosis on chest x-ray and sputum tests, the student shall not be admitted to school until a physician's note is presented showing the student is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 3402, 3404)
3. If the x-ray is negative and the student admitted, the Superintendent or designee may contact the student and family again in four to six weeks to determine that they have followed through with a medical appointment for the INH preventive medication program, if indicated.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5165 - Health Examinations)

School volunteers working directly with students must provide documentation of current Mantoux (PPD) Tuberculosis Skin Test results.

Legal references – see next page

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48211 Habits and disease

49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy

49451 Parent's refusal to consent

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

199.81 Providing information to school districts on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions and Hepatitis B

199.82 Information to employees of school district

3118 Exclusion of persons from school

3400-3409 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

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