

**CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION PROGRAM**

When parents/guardians enroll their children in kindergarten, the district shall inform them about their obligation to obtain or waive a health screening for their children before they enter first grade. The District shall also inform them about the availability of free health screening for low-income children, as provided under the Child Health and Disabilities Prevention Program, and about the evaluation services and other benefits provided under Chapter 2, Article 3.4 of the Health and Safety Code. (Health and Safety Code 324.2, 324.3)

The above information shall be provided with notifications about immunization requirements and when parents/guardians enroll any first grade child(ren) who have not attended kindergarten in the District. The District shall encourage parents/guardians to arrange for their children to obtain their health screening prior to or during their kindergarten year.

*(cf. 5165.1 - Immunizations)*

The Superintendent or designee may arrange for local health authorities to offer health examinations at school sites.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*

The District may exempt a student from exclusion if it has contacted the parent/guardian at least twice between the first and the 90th day after the student enters first grade and if the parent/guardian refuses to either obtain a health screening or sign a waiver. However such exemptions may not exceed five percent of the District's first grade enrollment.

During the first 90 days of school, the Superintendent or designee may contact any first grade parents/guardians who have not provided evidence of a health screening or a waiver. If any parents/guardians do not respond to this notification, the Superintendent or designee may contact them a second time to ensure that they understand that their children may be eligible to receive a health screening at no cost.

The Board shall exclude from school, for up to five days, any first grade student who does not present evidence of a health screening or an appropriate waiver on or before the 90th day after entering the first grade. This exclusion shall begin on the 91st calendar day after the student's entrance into the first grade. If school is not in session that day, the exclusion shall begin on the next succeeding school day. Within limits established in law, the Superintendent or designee may exempt from exclusion students whose parent's/guardian's failed to respond to District attempts to obtain evidence of health screening or a signed waiver. (Health and Safety Code 324.3)

*(cf. 5112.1 - Exclusions from Attendance)*

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The Executive Director, Pupil Services, shall annually provide the county Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, the State Department of Health Services and the California Department of Education with the health screen information required by law. (Health and Safety Code 324.2)

*Legal Reference:*

*HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*

*320-324.5 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, especially 321.2  
Establishment of programs; standards for procedures*

*323.5 Certificate of receipt; health screening and evaluation services; waiver by  
parent/guardian*

*324.3 Hughes Children's Health Enforcement Act*

*24165.3 Child Health Disability Prevention Program Expansion*