

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

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

Each student enrolling for the first time in an elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program or, after July 1, 2016, enrolling in or advancing to grade 7 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 the age/grade and dose required by the California Department of Public Health, against the following diseases:

1. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
2. Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) (DTP, DTaP, or Tdap)
3. Poliomyelitis
4. Hepatitis B
5. Varicella (chickenpox)
6. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib meningitis)
7. Any other disease designated by the California Department of Public Health providing medical and personal beliefs exemptions are allowed for the disease designated.

Notwithstanding the above required immunizations, full immunization against hepatitis B shall not be a condition by which District shall admit or advance any pupil to the 7th grade level.

The District shall not unconditionally admit or advance any pupil to the 7th grade level unless the pupil has been fully immunized against pertussis, including all pertussis boosters appropriate for the pupil's age.

After July 1, 2016, the District shall not unconditionally admit a student for the first time, or admit or advance any pupil to 7th grade level, unless the pupil has been immunized for his or her age as required by Health & Safety Code Section 120335.

If there is good cause to believe that a child has been exposed to a disease listed above, and his or her documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against that disease, that child may be temporarily excluded from the school until the county health officer is satisfied and submits in writing that the child is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 120370(b).

The District shall prohibit from further attendance any pupil admitted conditionally who failed to obtain the required immunizations within the time limits allowed, unless the pupil is temporarily or permanently medically exempt, or until that pupil has been fully immunized as required above.

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Students shall be fully immunized as listed above, unless exempted from immunization requirements as when the allowed by law and listed below:

1. A parent or guardian files with the District a written statement by a licensed physician that a student should be exempted for medical reasons and indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization, and from which the pupil should be exempt pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 120370(a).
2. A student who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit, on file at a California private or public elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, stating beliefs opposed to immunization shall be allowed continued enrollment only until the pupil enrolls in the next grade span. Thereafter, he/she must conform to the immunization requirements set forth herein pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 12035(g).

Grade span is defined as each of the following: birth to preschool; kindergarten and grades 1-6, inclusive, including transitional kindergarten; and, grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

3. A student is enrolled in a District independent study program but does not receive classroom-based instruction.

Conditional Enrollment

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from an authorized health care provider providing one of the following:

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

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student without documentation from an authorized health care provider under the following conditions:

1. Homeless children and foster youth must be immediately enrolled even if they are unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, including medical records.
2. Children of military families be allowed 30 days from the date of enrollment to obtain required immunizations.

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3. 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 thirty school days, the student shall be excluded from school until the required immunizations have been administered.
4. A student who qualified for an individualized education program (IEP), unless otherwise exempt, shall be fully immunized in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 120335. However, the district shall continue to implement the student's IEP and shall not prohibit the student from accessing any special education and related service required by his/her IEP regardless of whether the student is fully immunized pursuant to federal law and Section 56026 of the Education Code.

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. The immunization record of each new entrant admitted conditionally shall be reviewed periodically by the District to ensure that within the time periods designated by regulation of the department, he or she has been fully immunized against all of the required diseases. 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.

- (cf. 1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
- (cf. 5163 – Infectious Disease Control and Prevention)
- (cf. 5141.26 – Tuberculosis Testing)
- (cf. 6142.8 – Comprehensive Health Education)
- (cf. 5112.1 – Exemptions and Exclusions from Attendance)
- (cf. 5165 – Health Examinations)
- (cf. 5148 – Child Care and Development)
- (cf. 6176 – Education for Homeless Children and Youth)
- (cf. 5165.3 – Child Health and Disability Prevention Program)
- (cf. 5175.1 – Preschool Programs)
- (cf. 6159 – Individualized Education Program)
- (cf. 6158 – Independent Study)

EDUCATION CODE

- 44871 Qualifications of supervisor of health
- 46010 Total days of attendance
- 48216 Immunization
- 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

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51745-51749.6 Independent study

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

11431 Equal educational access of homeless children

11432 Immediate enrollment of homeless children

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Policy

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