

Immunization Requirements

To enter or transfer into public and private elementary and secondary schools (grades kindergarten through 12), children under age 18 years, must have written proof of immunizations as outlined below.

VACCINE	REQUIRED DOSES	
Polio (OPV and/or IPV)	4 doses at any age, but....	3 doses meet requirement for ages 4-6 if at least one was given on or after the 4 th birthday; 3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least one was given on or after the 2 nd birthday.
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Age 6 years and under (Pertussis is required) DTP,DTaP or any combination of DTP or DTaP with DT (tetanus and diphtheria)	5 doses, but....	4 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one was on or after the 4 th birthday.
Age 7 years and older (Pertussis is not required) Td, DT, or DTP, DTaP or any combination of these	4 doses, but....	3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least one was on or after the 2 nd birthday. If last does was given before the 2 nd birthday, one more (Td) dose is required.
7 th grade Tdap booster	1 dose	1 dose required if last DTP, DTaP, Tdap was given prior to 7 th birthday.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Kindergarten 7 th grade Grades 1-6 and 8-12	2 doses 2 doses 1 dose	Both on or after 1 st birthday Both on or after 1 st birthday Must be on or after the 1 st birthday
Hepatitis B Kindergarten 7 th grade	3 doses 3 doses	Required for entrance to Kindergarten Required for entrance to 7 th grade
Varicella	1 dose 2 doses	Required for children under 13 years; Required if immunized on or after 13 th birthday.

EXEMPTIONS

The law allows (a) parents/guardians to elect exemptions to immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs, and (b) Physicians of children to elect medical exemptions. The law does not allow parents/ guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience.

1st GRADE EXAMINATION:

The first grade health examination is required by California law. Child Health and Disability Program (CHDP) meet this requirement This exam should be completed as soon as possible and can be done when kindergarten immunization boosters are given.

DENTAL ASSESSMENT:

California Law, *Education Code Section 49452.8*, now requires that all children have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) performed by a licensed dentist or other licensed dental health professional, by May 31st in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his/her first year in public school.

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