

Immunization Requirements (California Department of Public Health)

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

Vaccine	4-6 Years Old Elementary School at Transitional- Kindergarten/ Kindergarten and Above	7-17 Years Old Elementary or Secondary School	7th Grade*
Polio (OPV or IPV)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4 th birthday)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2 nd birthday)	
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4 th birthday)	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td (3 doses OK if last dose was given on or after 2 nd birthday. At least one dose must be Tdap or DTaP/DTP given on or after 7 th birthday for all 7 th -12 th graders)	1dose of Tdap (Or DTP/DTaP given on or after the 7 th birthday)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMR-V)	2 doses Both given on or after 1 st birthday. Only one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines are required if given separately)	1 dose (Dose given on or after 1 st birthday. Mumps vaccine is not required if given separately)	2 doses of MMR or any measles- containing vaccine (Both doses given on or after 1 st birthday)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	3 doses		
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR, MMR-V, or VZV)	1 dose	1 dose for ages 7-12 years 2 doses for ages 13-17 years	

* New admissions to 7th grade should also meet the requirement for ages 7-17 years.

EXEMPTIONS

A child may be exempted from immunization requirements if a parent/guardian submits a written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states: (1) that the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) are not considered safe; (2) which vaccinations are being exempted; (3) whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary; and (4) the expiration date, if the exemption is temporary. The law no longer allows an exemption from immunization based on personal beliefs.

1st GRADE EXAMINATION

The first grade health examination is required by California law. A certificate documenting that the child has received a health checkup within the previous 18 months must be given to the school within 90 days of entering into first grade. The Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) may provide a free checkup if the family meets specific income guidelines. This exam can be completed when kindergarten immunization boosters are given but cannot be more than 18 months before the child begins attending first grade.

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.