



William S. Hart Union High School District
New State Vaccination Law
(SB277) for 2016 and beyond

Parents of students transitioning to the Hart District need to be aware of some changes to California Law with regard to required vaccinations. This memo is intended to familiarize you with the basics of the new requirements. Proof of compliance with the new law will be required at registration.

PERSONAL BELIEF EXEMPTIONS

Starting January 1, 2016, parents or guardians of all students in California schools will no longer be allowed to submit a personal/religious beliefs exemption to a currently-required vaccine.

Personal /Religious beliefs exemptions filed prior to January 1, 2016 will remain valid until a student transitions from 6th grade to 7th grade (when age –appropriate immunization requirements change.)

In order to begin 7th grade, students who had a valid personal beliefs exemption prior to 2016 will need to present verification that they have now met all vaccination requirements.

For more information about required vaccinations please review the following link:

www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

If a Medical exemption is needed, a parent or guardian must submit a written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states:

- The physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not required.
- Which vaccines are being exempted
- Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
- The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary

Only a licensed Medical doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) may provide a medical exemption.

CONDITIONAL ENROLLMENT

Students behind on their required immunizations may be admitted conditionally, if they are not currently due for any doses or have a temporary medical exemption. Please refer to the following link for more information:

<http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/conditional-admission/>

Schools will continue to monitor immunizations for conditionally enrolled students to ensure that they are on track to complete their immunization requirements:

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| Polio | Minimum 4 doses (4 dates) |
| DTP | Minimum 4 doses (4 dates) |
| MMR | Minimum 2 doses (2 dates) |
| Varicella | Minimum 1 dose (usually 2 nd dose unless had disease) |
| Hep B | Minimum 3 doses (3 dates) |
| Tdap | Minimum 1 dose (after 7 years of age) |