

2016 Immunization Law

Starting January 1, 2016 parents or guardians of students in any school or child-care facility, whether public or private, will no longer be allowed to submit a personal beliefs exemption or religious exemption to required vaccines.

Children with a valid personal beliefs exemption (or religious belief exemption) filed before 2016 who enter kindergarten or 7th grade will have to meet **all-age appropriate immunization requirements** for admission to kindergarten/TK or 7th grade.

A parent/guardian can submit a temporary or permanent medical exemption. This will be a written statement from a licensed MD or DO which states:

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

Students will no longer be required to have immunizations if they attend

- A home-based private school or
- An independent study program with no classroom-based instruction (both MBUSD and RBUSD have classroom-based independent study programs)

Children behind on their required immunizations may be admitted conditionally, if they are not currently due for any doses or have a temporary medical exemption.

PBEs filed in 2015 are only valid when signed by both an authorized health care provider and a parent/guardian no more than 6 months prior to first entry into school. Therefore, PBEs filed in 2015 are **invalid** for children first entering school in California in the fall of 2016.

For questions and immunization schedules, please refer to:
<http://www.shotsforschool.org>