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Immunizations

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

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)  
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)  
(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)  
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Each student enrolling for the first time in a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program 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 law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)  
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)  
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)  
(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)  
(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

Each transfer student shall be requested to present his/her immunization record upon registration at a district school.

However, when necessary, 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 30 school days, the student shall present written documentation by an authorized health care provider showing that the required immunizations were received. If such documentation is not presented, the student shall be excluded from school until the required immunizations have been administered. (17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)  
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)  
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

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The Superintendent or designee may arrange for an authorized health care provider to administer immunizations at school to any student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing. At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of their right to provide consent for the administration of an immunization to their child at school. (Education Code 49403)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)  
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)  
(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference:

**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

**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**

11432 Immediate enrollment of homeless children

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34**

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

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**Management Resources:**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

California Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs, July 2003

Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry

Guide to the Requirements of the California School Immunization Law for Parents of Children in or Entering School or Child Care

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and H1N1, October 2009

**WEB SITES**

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch:  
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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#### Required Immunizations

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians, upon school registration, a written notice summarizing the state's immunization requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program nor advance a student to specified grade levels unless the student has presented documentation of full immunization, in accordance with the age/grade and dose required by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), against the following diseases: (Health and Safety Code 120335; 17 CCR 6020)

1. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
2. Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) (DTP, DTaP, or Tdap)
3. Poliomyelitis (polio)
4. Hepatitis B
5. Varicella (chickenpox)
6. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib meningitis)
7. Any other disease designated by the CDPH

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

The student's immunization record shall be provided by the student's health care provider or from the student's previous school immunization record. The record must show the date that each dose was administered.

#### Exemptions

Exemption from immunization requirements shall be granted under either of the following circumstances: (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370; 17 CCR 6051)

1. The student's parent/guardian provides a written statement by a licensed physician that, due to the physical condition or medical circumstances of the student, one or more immunizations are considered unsafe or are permanently not indicated. The physician's statement shall indicate the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances that contraindicate immunization. In such circumstances, the student shall be exempted from one or more vaccines to the extent indicated by the physician's statement.

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2. The student's parent/guardian provides a letter or affidavit documenting which immunizations required by Health and Safety Code 120355 have been given and which immunizations have not been given on the basis that they are contrary to the parent/guardian's beliefs.

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

When immunization(s) are contrary to the parent/guardian's personal beliefs but there is good cause to believe that the student has been exposed to one of the communicable diseases listed in Health and Safety Code 120325, the student may be temporarily excluded from school until the local public health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing the disease.

On or after January 1, 2014, the parent/guardian shall also submit a form prescribed by the CDPH which includes a signed attestation by a health care practitioner that indicates he/she has provided the parent/guardian with information regarding the benefits and risks of the immunization and the health risks of the communicable diseases listed in Health and Safety Code 120335 to the person and the community. The parent/guardian shall sign a statement indicating that he/she has received this information. Neither the health care practitioner nor the parent/guardian shall sign these statements more than six months prior to the date that the student is subject to the immunization requirement. In lieu of the original form, the district shall accept a photocopy of the signed form or a letter by a health care practitioner that includes all information and attestations included on the form.

Exclusions Due to Lack of Immunizations

Any student without the required evidence of immunization may be excluded from school until the immunization is obtained or an exemption is granted in accordance with the section "Exemptions" above.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)  
(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

Before an already admitted student is excluded from school attendance because of lack of immunization, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parent/guardian that he/she has 10 school days to supply evidence of proper immunization or an appropriate exemption. (Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040)

This notice shall refer the parent/guardian to the student's usual source of medical care or, if the student has no usual source of medical care, then to the county health department or school immunization program, if any. (Education Code 48216)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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The Superintendent or designee shall exclude from further attendance any already admitted student who fails to obtain the required immunization within 10 school days following the parent/guardian's receipt of the notice specified above, unless the student is exempt from immunization for medical reasons or personal beliefs. The student shall remain excluded from school until he/she provides written evidence that he/she has received a dose of each required vaccine due at that time. The student shall also be reported to the attendance supervisor or principal. (17 CCR 6055)

### Conditional Enrollment

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from an authorized health care provider that: (Health and Safety Code 120340; 17 CCR 6000, 6035)

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 shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses when they become due as specified in 17 CCR 6035.

The Superintendent or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally every 30 days until that student has received all the required immunizations. If the student does not receive the required immunizations within the specified time limits, he/she shall be excluded from further attendance until the immunizations are received. (Health and Safety Code 120375; 17 CCR 6070)

### 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. 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. (Health and Safety Code 120375, 120440; 17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)