

AR 5141.31 Students

Immunizations

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district school or child care and development program unless that student has presented documentation of full immunization. (Health and Safety Code 120335)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the rights of students and parents/guardians relating to immunizations under Education Code 49403.

(Education Code 48980)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Immunizations for Grades K-12

Students entering the district in grades kindergarten through 12 shall have received the following immunizations: (Health and Safety Code 120335; 17 CCR 6020)

1. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine

a. Students entering at the kindergarten level shall have received two doses on or after the first birthday, except one dose may be a measles-only vaccine. Receipt of a dose up to (and including) 4 days before the 1st birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement. A four day grace period prior to the first birthday is allowed.

~~b. Mumps vaccine shall not be required for students age seven or older.~~

~~e b. Students entering, or advancing or transferring to seventh grade shall be required to have a second dose of measles-containing vaccine if they have not previously obtained a second dose. have two doses on or after the 1st birthday. Receipt of a dose up to (and including) 4 days before the 1st birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.~~

2. Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (~~DTP or DTaP~~)

- a. Five doses DTP, DTaP or any combination of DTP or DTaP with DT (diphtheria and pertussis) shall be required for students ages four through six. However, four doses shall meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
- b. Four doses Tdap, Td, or DTP, DTaP or any combination of these shall be required for students age seven or older. However, three doses shall meet the requirement for ages seven to seventeen years if at least one dose was given on or after the second birthday. Receipt of a dose up to (and including) 4 days before the 4th birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement. If the last dose was given before the 2nd birthday, one more dose (Tdap, DTaP or DTP) given on or after the seventh birthday is required. Td does not meet the requirement.
- c. ~~Pertussis immunization shall not be required for students age seven or older.~~ All students entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade need proof of an adolescent Whooping Cough booster immunization (called "Tdap") received on or after their seventh birthday.
- d. ~~A tetanus and diphtheria (Td) shot is recommended but not required for seventh-grade students who have not had a booster within the past five years.~~ 8th to 12th grade students transferring from a school outside of California must meet this requirement.

3. Poliomyelitis (polio) vaccine

Four doses shall be required at any age. However, three doses shall meet the requirement for ages four through six if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday, and three doses shall meet the requirement for ages seven to seventeen if at least one dose was given on or after the second birthday. Receipt of a dose up to (and including) 4 days before the 4th birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

4. Hepatitis B vaccine

- a. Three doses at any age shall be required for entry into kindergarten.
- b. ~~Students shall not be unconditionally admitted or advanced to seventh grade unless they have been fully immunized against hepatitis B. A student who has previously had three doses of hepatitis B vaccine at any age before seventh grade shall not be required to receive any additional shots.~~

5. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine

a. One dose required for entry into kindergarten. Any student entering any grade from out of state/country is required to have varicella immunization. Physician-documented varicella (chickenpox) disease history or immunity meets the varicella requirement.

b. 2 dose varicella requirement for ages 13-17 years applies to transfer students who were admitted to a California school after July 1, 2001.

Students who skipped kindergarten shall meet immunization requirements for hepatitis B and a second measles dose prior to entering first grade.

Students transferring into the district at a grade other than kindergarten or seventh grade shall be exempt from the requirement for a second measles dose or hepatitis B immunization.

Immunizations Below Kindergarten Level

Children younger than age four years, six months shall have received haemophilus influenza type b (Hib meningitis) vaccine. (Health and Safety Code 120335)

Other immunization requirements for children below kindergarten level depend on the child's age as specified in 17 CCR 6020.

Exemptions

Exemption from immunization requirements is allowed when: (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370, 120375; 17 CCR 6051)

1. ~~The student's parents/guardians states in writing by completing and signing the California School Immunization Record that immunization is contrary to his/her beliefs~~ who want to exempt their Child(ren) from one or more required immunizations because of their personal beliefs must provide to the school a one page form developed by the California Department of Public Health entitled Personal Beliefs Exemption to Required Immunization which contains an affidavit or letter requesting an exemption that states that the required immunization(s) are contrary to their beliefs, and a statement signed and dated by a health care practitioner and parent indicating that the practitioner has provided, and the parent has received, information about the benefits and risks of immunizations and the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases. Effective January 1, 2014 this form shall be required for students at the time of admission to school and 7th grade as well as for any student transferring into the district from out of state. This statement shall be

signed not more than six months prior to the date when the person first becomes subject to the immunization requirements as a condition of admittance. The following shall be accepted in lieu of the original form: A photocopy of the signed form or a letter signed by a health care practitioner that includes all information and attestations included on the form.

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

2. The student's parent/guardian provides a written statement by a licensed physician that the physical condition or medical circumstances of the student are such that immunization is unsafe or is permanently not indicated.

3. Exemptions to Immunization should not be taken because of convenience. Unimmunized students are at greater risk of contracting diseases and spreading them to their families, schools and community. The District shall maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so that these students may be excluded from school quickly if an outbreak occurs.

However, if there is good cause to believe that the student has been exposed to one of the communicable diseases listed above, the student may be temporarily excluded from school until the local health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing the disease. (Health and Safety Code 120365)

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 until the student presents a letter or affidavit of exemption from his/her parent/guardian or physician.

An already admitted pupil who is subsequently discovered not to have received all the immunizations which were required before admission or who is subsequently discovered not to have complied with the requirements for conditional admission specified in Section 6035 shall continue in attendance only if he or she receives all vaccine doses for which he or she is currently due and provides documentation of having received such doses no later than 10 school days after he or she or the parent or guardian is notified. The school, shall notify the pupil or the parent or guardian of the time period (no longer than 10 school days) within which the doses must be received
(17 CCR 6040)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

Before a 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 in which to supply evidence of proper immunization or an appropriate letter of exemption. This notice shall refer the parent/guardian to the child's usual source of medical care. (Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040)

If no usual source of medical care exists, the parent/guardian shall be referred to the county health department. (Education Code 48216)

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude from further attendance any student who fails to obtain the required immunization within 10 school days following receipt of the parent/guardian 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 has received another 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 a physician that: (Health and Safety Code 120340; 17 CCR 6000, 6035)

1. He/she has received some but not all required immunizations and is not due for any vaccine dose at the time of admission
2. He/she 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)

3. No student may be unconditionally admitted or advanced, into the 7th and, for one year, the 8th through 12th grades unless the pupil has been fully immunized, as prescribed, including, but not limited to, having received all pertussis boosters appropriate for that age.

Students eighteen years and older

The District shall recommend that students eighteen years and older remain up-to-date on immunizations in order to protect themselves, their families and the community from diseases.

Records

The Superintendent or designee shall record each new entrant's immunizations in the 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)

Legal Reference

Assembly Bill 2019

An act to amend Section 120365 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to communicable disease.

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120AB2109

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