

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy

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STUDENT

Immunization of Pupils

Students not fulfilling immunization requirements shall be prohibited from attendance in the manner set forth in the Health and Safety Code Regulations, and School District Administration Regulations.

A. Requirements

California law requires all elementary pupils to be immunized against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, mumps, measles, rubella, and Hepatitis B (prior to entering kindergarten and 7th grade). Pupils at kindergarten level or above who are fully immunized may be admitted unconditionally. New entering students who have not been fully immunized or continuing students who failed to complete all the requirements at their time of enrollment are admitted on a conditional basis if required doses are current.

Full immunization requirements as of March 22, 1978, and March 5, 1986 include 3-4 doses of poliovirus vaccine, 3-5 doses of DPT or TD (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) and a single dose of measles (rubeola), rubella, mumps, and Hepatitis B vaccine. The number of doses depends on the age each dose was given. Pupils seven years or older are exempt from pertussis and mumps immunizations.

B. Time Allowances

Students entering school for the first time must have written documentation of immunizations before admittance. Pupils entering from other schools or states are admitted on a conditional basis pending transfer of records showing proof of immunization. In no case shall more than 30 days be allowed for transfer of records.

Students on conditional admission with immunization in progress and all new entering pupils who have not been fully immunized must receive additional doses at the proper time intervals for their age to avoid exclusion.

C. Exemptions

A pupil may be exempt from the required immunizations for medical reasons or if immunization is contrary to religious belief. In the case of medical reasons, a written statement signed by a licensed physician is required which details from which immunization(s) the pupil is exempt, for what medical condition, and how long.

When contrary to religious belief, the parent or guardian must sign the statement to that effect found on the back of the blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286) which is kept as a part of the mandatory permanent pupil record as defined in Title 5, section 430.

D. School Responsibility

1. Upon enrollment, the parent must provide written proof for the blue California School Immunization Record Form (PM 286). Documentary evidence of immunizations such as the yellow California School Immunization Record (PM 298), is required.
2. Written records from a physician or health agency are required for proof of immunization if school records.
3. The blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286) cannot be taken home at any time. If the form cannot be completed at school, District Form D-PM-286 is to be used and can be taken home. Written proof of immunization must be presented with the form.
4. The blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286) is to be kept in the students cum folder. It is part of the student's mandatory permanent record (Title 5 - Section 430).

E. Exclusion from School - Due Process Procedures

Pupils admitted conditionally who fail to comply with the immunization requirements, unless exempt, shall be excluded from school only after the following:

1. If a child is conditionally admitted (i.e. the child has immunizations in progress but the series is not complete), Form I- A shall be mailed home. This form specifies the exact doses needed, dates due, and the necessity of excluding the child unless provisions are met.
2. If the parent or guardian fails to respond to Form I-A in a timely manner, the principal shall mail Form I-B home. This is the NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCLUDE the child from school after the date of the next immunization clinic, if requirements are not met. A copy of this notice shall be sent to the district office.
3. The child shall be re-admitted upon proof that immunizations are current. The pupil must receive remaining required doses with the time intervals specified in the State Age Appropriate Immunization Schedule to remain in school. Failure to do so would require that due process proceedings for exclusion from school be reinitiated.
4. Transfer students shall be allowed 30 days for transfer of previous records before due process procedures are initiated.