Immunizations

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Upon enrollment, students must present evidence of full immunization.

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district school, preschool, or childcare and development program for the first time nor admit or advance any student to grade 7, unless the student has been fully immunized. The student shall present 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:

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

A student who qualifies for an individualized education program (IEP), unless otherwise exempt, shall be fully immunized in accordance with Health and Safety Code 120335. The district shall continue to implement the student's IEP and shall not prohibit the student from accessing special education and related services regardless of whether the student is fully immunized.

School personnel shall record information for each student regarding all doses of required immunizations and the status of all requirements. The school records shall be based on immunization records provided by the student's health care provider, from the student's previous school immunization record, or through the California Immunization Registry (CAIR).

Exemptions

Exemption from one or more immunization requirements shall be granted under the following circumstances:

1. A medical exemption is submitted and approved through the CDPH's CAIR system.

   A medical exemption issued prior to January 1, 2020 shall allow continued enrollment until the next grade span, except after July 1, 2021, a student may not be admitted or advanced to grade 7 unless the student has been immunized or a medical exemption form filed as stated above. A temporary exemption shall not exceed one year, and all medical exemptions shall not extend beyond the grade span.

   If a student's medical exemption is revoked by CDPH, the student shall continue in attendance, but must commence the immunization schedule required for conditional admittance within 30 days of the revoked exemption pursuant to 17 CCR 6050.

   The student's parent/guardian may appeal a revocation to the Secretary of California Health and Human Services. If appealed, the student shall continue in attendance and not be required to commence the immunization schedule for conditional admittance pending the outcome of the appeal, provided the appeal is filed within 30 calendar days of the revocation.

2. The student's parent/guardian filed with the district, before January 1, 2016, a letter or written affidavit stating that immunization is contrary to personal beliefs, the student shall be exempted from the immunization until the student enrolls in the next grade span (birth to preschool, grades K-6, grades 7-12).

3. The student is enrolled in an independent study program and does not receive classroom-based instruction pursuant to Education Code 51745-51749.6.

Conditional Enrollment

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from an authorized health care provider that the student has not received all immunizations required but has commenced receiving doses of required vaccines and is not due for any other doses at the time of admission. The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses as specified in 17 CCR 6035.

In addition, a transfer student may be conditionally admitted for up to 30 school days while the student's immunization records are being transferred from the previous school. If such documentation is not presented within 30 days, the student shall be excluded from school until the required immunizations have been administered.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately enroll homeless students, foster youth, and students of military families even if their immunization records are missing or unavailable at the time of enrollment. School or district staff shall work with the student's prior school to obtain the student's immunization records or shall ensure that the student is properly immunized.

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, the student shall be excluded from further attendance until the immunizations are received.

Exclusions Due to Lack of Immunizations

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 the student has 10 school days to supply evidence of proper immunization or an appropriate letter of exemption.

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. The student shall remain excluded from school until they have received a dose of each required vaccine due. The student shall also be reported to the attendance supervisor or principal.

Conditional Enrollment

The district may conditionally admit a child with documentation from an authorized health care provider that:

1. The child has received some but not all required immunizations and is not due for any vaccine dose at the time of admission, or

2. The child has a temporary exemption from immunization for medical reasons authorized through the CAIR ME public health immunization system.

Continued attendance after conditional admission shall depend upon the student's receiving the remaining required immunizations according to schedule or when the temporary exemption ends.

The Superintendent or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally until that student has received all the required immunizations. If the student does not receive the required immunizations within the specified time limits, the student shall be excluded from further attendance until the immunizations are received.

Exclusion Due to Exposure to Disease

If the district has good cause to believe that a student has been exposed to a disease listed in the section "Immunizations" above and the student's documentation of immunization does not show proof of immunization, that student may be temporarily excluded from the school until the local health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

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 immunizations records and may disclose such information to state and local health departments only in accordance with law.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:
These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Legal References:

STATE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
17 CCR 6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements
5 CCR 430 Individual student records; definition
EDUCATION CODE
44871 Qualifications of supervisor of health
46010 Total days of attendance
48216 Immunization and exclusion from attendance
48853.5 Immediate enrollment of foster youth
48980 Parent/Guardian notifications
49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunizations
49426 Duties of school nurses
49701 Provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children
51745 Independent study
HEALTH & SAFETY CODE
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases
120335 Immunization requirement for admission
120372 Statewide medical exemption electronic standardized form
120395 Information about meningococcal disease, including recommendation for vaccination
120440 Disclosure of immunization information
FEDERAL
UNITED STATES CODE
20 USC 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
42 USC 11432 Immediate enrollment of homeless children
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
34 CFR 99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATION

CA Immunization Handbook for Pre-kindergarten (Childcare) Programs and Schools, 10th Edition, July 2019
Vaccinations and Medical Exemptions Questions and Answers
Exemptions FAQs
Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry
Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for Pre-kindergarten (Child Care)
Guide to Immunization Requirements for Pre-kindergarten (Child Care)
Guide to Immunization Requirements for K-12th Grade

EDUCATION AUDIT APPEALS PANEL PUBLICATION

Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

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

WEBSITES

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/#
California Health & Human Services Agency https://www.chhs.ca.gov/
California Department of Public Health, Shots for Schools https://www.shotsforschool.org/
Education Audit Appeals Panel http://www.eaap.ca.gov/
U.S. Department of Education http://www.ed.gov/
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/
California Department of Education http://www.cde.ca.gov/
California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/dcdc/pages/immunize.aspx

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