

## STUDENTS

### Tuberculosis Testing

Any student who is reasonably suspected of having active tuberculosis shall be excluded from attendance at a district school until the student provides evidence of a certificate showing that the student is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485, 121495, 121505)

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*

Students shall be screened or tested for tuberculosis under the following circumstances:

1. When required by the local health department as part of the comprehensive health screening required for school entry, parents/guardians shall, within 90 days after their child's entry into first grade, provide certification evidencing that their child has been screened for risk of tuberculosis within the preceding 18 months. Such certification shall be on a form approved by the California Department of Health Care Services. (Health and Safety Code 124040, 124085, 124105)

In lieu of the certificate, parents/guardians may submit a signed waiver indicating that they do not want or are unable to obtain the health screening and evaluation services for their child and, if applicable, the reasons that they are unable to obtain the services. (Health and Safety Code 124085)

*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*

2. Whenever ordered by the local health officer for the preservation and protection of public health, students seeking admission for the first time to a district school at any grade level shall submit to a tuberculosis risk assessment screening and testing if indicated. Students who are subject to the health officer's order shall be admitted to school as follows:
  - a. The Superintendent or designee shall unconditionally admit any student who, prior to admission, submits a certificate signed by any public or private medical provider indicating that the student has completed an approved tuberculosis examination and is free from active tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485, 121490, 121500; 22 CCR 41305, 41311, 41313)

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

*(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)*

*(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)*

The Superintendent or designee shall exempt a student from the requirement to submit a certificate if the student's parent/guardian, or the student if an emancipated minor, provides an affidavit stating that the required examination is contrary to one's personal beliefs. If there is probable cause to believe that such a student has active tuberculosis, the student may be excluded from school until the Superintendent or designee is satisfied that the student is not afflicted. (Health and Safety Code 121505)

- b. Whenever the local health officer so orders, a student may be required to complete an additional examination and provide another certificate indicating that the student is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485)
  - c. At the discretion of the local health officer, the district may admit a student without a certificate if the student is undergoing or has already undergone preventive treatment for tuberculosis infection or treatment for tuberculosis disease. (22 CCR 41319)
  - d. All preschool students must be evaluated for risk factors for TB as part of the medical assessment required for enrollment.
3. Whenever the Superintendent or designee suspects that a student who has not been examined for tuberculosis either has the disease or has been exposed, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately report by telephone to the local health officer. When required by the local health officer, the district shall exclude the student from school until the student is certified to be free of communicable tuberculosis. (22 CCR 41329)

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of any student's tuberculosis examination as part of the student's mandatory permanent student record. (22 CCR 41323)

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

The Superintendent or designee shall annually file a report with the local health department on the results of tuberculosis examinations for all new district students required to complete such examinations in accordance with item #2 above, including, but not necessarily limited to, the number of students unconditionally and conditionally admitted and the number of students exempted on the basis of their personal beliefs. (22 CCR 41325)

All district staff shall receive information on how tuberculosis is spread and how it can be prevented and treated.

*(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.4 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*48213 Prior parent notification of exclusion; exemption*

*49451 Parent's refusal to consent to health examination*

*HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*

*120230 Exclusion of persons from school when residence is in isolation or quarantine*

*121365 Duties of local health officer re: tuberculosis control*

*121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students*

*124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5*

*202 Exclusion of students with contagious disease*

*432 Student records*

*3030 Eligibility for special education; tuberculosis that adversely affects educational performance*

*CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22*

*41301-41329 Tuberculosis tests for students*

*Management Resources:*

*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PUBLICATIONS*

*CHDP School Handbook: School Entry Health Examination Requirements, rev. January 2006*

*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS*

*California Immunization Handbook: Pre-Kindergarten (Child-Care) and School Immunization Requirements, 10th Edition, July 2019*

*WEB SITES*

*American Lung Association: <http://www.lungusa.org>*

*California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>*

*California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control:*

*<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/TBCB.aspx>*

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tuberculosis: <http://www.cdc.gov/tb>*

*Health Officers Association of California: <http://www.calhealthofficers.org>*

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