



Preparation For 7th Grade Entry 2026-2027

Dear Parents and Guardians of 6th Grade Students,

California schools are required by law to check the immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade **before** entry. **Please note the following California School Immunization requirements for 7th grade entry for Fall 2026 listed below (California Code of Regulations Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4).**

Please call and make an appointment (e.g. over Winter Break) with your child’s healthcare provider to ensure your child is vaccinated **prior** to 7th grade registration. This will allow for a smooth transition into 7th grade. If immunization requirements are not met, your child will not be allowed to start 7th grade.

Grades	Required Doses				
K – 12th Admission	4 Polio ⁴	5 DTaP ⁵	3 Hep B ⁶	2 MMR ⁷	2 Varicella
(7th-12th)⁸	K-12 doses	+ 1 Tdap			
7th grade Advancement ^{9,10}		1 Tdap ⁸			2 Varicella ¹⁰

It is suggested by your school nurse you provide proof of vaccinations to your current school office this school year. If a child has a personal belief or medical exemption, the child will need to meet all current immunization requirements (K-12 admission + 7th grade advancement) or obtain a medical exemption through CAIR-ME. Your child may receive the necessary vaccines from their primary care practitioner. **It is important to get your child vaccinated early so there will be no issue with school entry. Your child will not be admitted if the above requirements are not met.** Please make sure you bring your child’s vaccine record to the school so it may be on file. Should you have questions, please contact your child’s health care provider or Orange County Public Health at (800) 564-8448 or contact your school nurse.

For information on medical exemptions please refer to the link www.shotsforschool.org for specific requirements.

1. Requirements for K-12 admission also apply to transfer pupils.
2. Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines. Doses of DTP count towards the DTaP requirement.
3. Any vaccine administered four or fewer days prior to the minimum required age is valid.
4. Three doses of polio vaccine meet the requirement if one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.
5. Four doses of DTaP meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the 7th birthday (also meets the 7th-12th grade Tdap requirement. See fn. 8.) One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the 7th birthday count towards the K-12 requirement.
6. For 7th grade admission, refer to Health and Safety Code section 120335, subdivision (c).
7. Two doses of measles, two doses of mumps, and one dose of rubella vaccine meet the requirement, separately or combined. Only doses administered on or after the 1st birthday meet the requirement.
8. For 7th-12th graders, at least one dose of pertussis containing vaccine is required on or after the 7th birthday.
9. For children in ungraded schools, pupils 12 years and older are subject to the 7th grade advancement requirements.
10. The varicella requirement for seventh grade advancement expires after June 30, 2027.