

2026-2027 California School Immunization Requirements 9th – 12th Admission

Vaccine	Number of Doses Required of Each Immunization
Polio <i>OPV or IPV</i>	3 doses meet the requirement if 1 dose was given on or after 4 th birthday; if not, 4 doses are needed
Tdap <i>Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid & Acellular Pertussis</i> THIS IS A CALIFORNIA STATE REQUIREMENT	1 dose of Pertussis-containing vaccine meets the requirement if given on or after the 7 th birthday. Tdap is required for 7 th grade advancement in California schools A Tdap will meet (1) DTaP requirement
DTaP, DTP <i>Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis</i> Td <i>Tetanus</i>	3 doses meet the requirement if Tdap was given on or after the 7 th birthday. 1-2 doses of Td given on or after the 7 th birthday count towards the requirement
Hep B <i>Hepatitis B</i>	3 doses meet the requirement
MMR <i>Measles (2 doses), Mumps (2 doses), & Rubella (1 dose)</i>	2 doses given on or after the 1 st birthday meet the requirement. A MMR Titer no longer meets the requirement
Varicella <i>Chickenpox</i>	2 doses meet the requirement A Varicella Titer or "history of chickenpox disease" no longer meets the requirement. Vaccination or a CAIR-ME (medical exemption) is required

Since January 1, 2016, **Personal Beliefs Exemptions** for currently required vaccines are no longer allowed in any California school, whether public or private.

Medical Exemptions for Required Immunizations - Starting January 1, 2021, all new medical exemptions for school entry must be issued through the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption website CAIR-ME. Parents and a California physician can register and create an account in CAIR-ME at any time. Once registered, parents can log in to CAIR-ME to request a medical exemption. Parents take the exemption request number to their child's physician who can log in to CAIR-ME to issue the exemption. Once the exemption is issued, the physician prints the two-page form and provides a copy to the parents to give to their child's school.

Medical Exemptions issued before January 1, 2020 by physicians who have been disciplined by their medical licensing board were no longer valid after the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. To find out if your physician has been disciplined by the Medical Board or Osteopathic Medical Board click on this link: [Disciplined Doctors List](#)

Medical Exemptions issued before 2021 will remain on file at school and do not need to be uploaded into CAIR-ME. Expired ME's will require a new CAIR-ME.

[Instructions to Request a Medical Exemption \(PDF\)](#)

Existing Medical exemptions in CAIR-ME will be accepted, but parents must update the school information listed in CAIR-ME and provide a copy to the school. For information regarding CAIR go to: <https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home>

The [Shots for School website](#) provides information about CA school immunization requirements