Exclusions from Attendance

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each child entering a district school at any grade level adheres to district admission requirements and enrollment procedures.

Mandatory Exclusions

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to an elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program for the first time, nor, after July 1, 2016, admit or advance any student to grade 7 unless the student has been fully immunized in accordance with Health and Safety Code 120335 and BP/BR 5141.31 - Immunizations or is exempted by law.

If a conditionally admitted student has not received required immunizations within 10 days after their parent/guardian has been notified of the need to do so, the student shall be excluded until written evidence is provided that the student has received the vaccines due at that time.

The Superintendent or designee shall not admit a student who is reasonably suspected of having active tuberculosis. The student shall be denied admission until the local health officer or licensed medical practitioner informs the district, in writing, that the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude a student who is infected with any contagious or infectious disease. The student shall be permitted to return to school when a medical provider informs the Superintendent or designee, in writing, that they are satisfied that the contagious or infectious disease no longer exists.

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude a student who resides where any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease subject to quarantine exists or has recently existed and who is subject to strict isolation or quarantine of contacts, unless written permission of the health officer is provided.

Permissive Exclusions

A student may be excluded from attendance at a district school under either of the following circumstances:

1. If there is good cause to believe that the student has been exposed to any disease stated in Health and Safety Code 120335 and the student's documentation of immunization does not show proof of immunization against that disease, the 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

2. If the student has not had the health screening specified in Health and Safety Code 124040 before or within the first 90 days of attending first grade, the student may be excluded for up to five days unless the parent/guardian has presented a waiver or the district has exempted the student from this requirement in accordance with law

Notifications to Parents/Guardians

The Superintendent or designee may exclude a student without prior notice to the parent/guardian if:

1. The student resides in an area subject to quarantine pursuant to Health and Safety Code 120230

2. The student is exempt from a medical examination, but suffers from a contagious or infectious disease pursuant to Education Code 49451

3. The Superintendent or designee determines that the presence of the student would constitute a clear and present danger to the safety or health of other students or school personnel

However, in such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notice as soon as reasonably possible after the exclusion.

In all other cases, the Superintendent or designee shall send a notice to the student's parent/guardian stating the facts leading to the exclusion, prior to excluding the student from attendance.

Appeals from Exclusion

Upon exclusion of their child, a parent/guardian may meet with the Superintendent or designee to discuss the exclusion. If the parent/guardian disagrees with the decision of the Superintendent or designee to exclude their child, the parent may appeal the decision to the Board.

The parent/guardian shall have an opportunity to inspect all documents upon which the district is basing its decision, to challenge any evidence and question any witness presented by the district, to present oral and documentary evidence on the student's behalf, and to have one or more representatives present at the meeting.

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 202 Exclusion of students with a contagious disease

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48216 Persons excluded

49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

49408 Student emergency information

49451 Parent's refusal to consent

HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

120230 Exclusion for communicable disease

120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES:

CSBA PUBLICATION

Recent Legislation on Vaccines: SB 277, Fact Sheet, August 2015

WEBSITES

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services https://legalservices.csba.org/

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/dcdc/pages/immunize.aspx
California Healthy Kids Resource Center https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cid/dcdc/pages/immunize.aspx
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/
CSBA http://www.csba.org/

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