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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 5141.31: IMMUNIZATIONS**

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district school or child care and development program unless the student has been fully immunized.

#### **Immunizations for Grades K - 6**

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: (Health and Safety Code 120335; 17 CCR 6020)

1. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
  - a. Students entering at the kindergarten level shall have received two doses on or after the first birthday.
2. Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (DTP, DTaP, Tdap, or Td)
  - a. Five doses shall be required for all students. . However, four doses shall meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday, and three doses shall meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the seventh birthday.
3. Poliomyelitis (polio) vaccine (OPV or IPV)
  - a. Four doses shall be required for all students. However, three doses shall meet the requirement if at least one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday.
4. Hepatitis B vaccine
  - a. Three doses shall be required for all students.
5. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
  - a. Two doses shall be required for all students.

A student who qualifies for an individualized education program (IEP), unless otherwise exempt, shall be fully immunized. However, the district shall continue to implement the student's IEP and shall not prohibit the student from accessing any special education and related service required by his/her IEP regardless of whether the student is fully immunized.

The student's immunization record shall be provided by the student's health care provider or from the student's previous school immunization record. The record must show at least the month and year for each dose, except that the day, month, and year must be shown for the MMR doses given during the month of the first birthday and for the Tdap dose given during the month of the seventh birthday.

### **Immunizations Below Kindergarten Level**

Children younger than age four years, six months shall have received haemophilus influenza type b (Hib meningitis) vaccine. (Health and Safety Code 120335)

Other immunization requirements for children below kindergarten level depend on the child's age as specified in 17 CCR 6020.

### **Exemptions**

Exemption from one or more immunization requirements (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370, 120375; 17 CCR 6051) shall be granted under any of the following circumstances.

1. The student's parent/guardian files with the district a written statement by a licensed physician to the effect that the physical condition of the child is such, or medical circumstances relating to the child are such, that immunization is not considered safe. The statement shall indicate the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances, including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which the physician does not recommend immunization.
2. The student's parent/guardian files with the district, before January 1, 2016, a letter or written affidavit stating that an immunization is contrary to his/her personal beliefs, in which case the student shall be exempted from the immunization until he/she enrolls in the next applicable grade span requiring immunization (birth to preschool, grades K-6, grades 7-12).

When a student transfers to a different school within the district or transfers into the district from another school district in California, his/her personal beliefs exemption filed before January 1, 2016, shall remain in effect until the next applicable grade span. A student transferring from a school outside the district shall present a copy of the personal beliefs exemption upon enrollment. A personal beliefs exemption from another state or country is not valid.

### **Exclusions Due to Lack of Immunizations**

Any student without the required evidence of immunization may be excluded from school until the immunization is obtained or an exemption is granted in accordance with the section "Exemptions" above.

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 he/she has 10 school days in which to supply evidence of proper immunization or an appropriate exemption. This notice shall refer the parent/guardian to the child's usual source of medical care or, if the student has no usual source of medical care, then to the county health department. (Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040)

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 he/she provides written evidence that he/she has received a dose of each required vaccine due at that time. The student shall also be reported to the attendance supervisor or principal. (17 CCR 6055)

### **Exclusion Due to Exposure to Disease**

If the district has good cause to believe that the student has been exposed to a disease listed in the section "Required Immunizations" above and his/her 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 informs the district in writing that he/she is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

### **Conditional Enrollment**

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from an authorized health care provider that:

1. The student has not received all the immunizations required for his/her age group, but has commenced receiving doses of all required vaccines and is not due for any other doses at the time of admission
2. The student has a temporary exemption for medical reasons pursuant to item #1 in the section "Exemptions" above.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses. (Health and Safety Code 120340; 17 CCR 6000, 6035)

In addition, a transfer student may be conditionally admitted for up to 30 school days while his/her 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 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, he/she shall be excluded from further attendance until the immunizations are received. (Health and Safety Code 120375; 17 CCR 6070)

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 he/she is properly immunized.

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

The district shall also retain in the mandatory student record any physician or health officer statement, personal beliefs letter or affidavit, reason for conditional enrollment, or any other documentation related to the student's immunization record or exemptions. (Health and Safety Code 120375, 120440; 17 CCR 6070)

### **Audits**

If an audit reveals deficiencies in the district's reporting procedures, the Superintendent or designee shall present the Board with a plan to remedy such deficiencies.