

IMMUNIZATIONS

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Governing Board shall cooperate with state and local public health agencies to encourage and facilitate immunization of all district students against preventable diseases.

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Each student enrolling for the first time in a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program or, after July 1, 2016, enrolling in or advancing to grade 7 shall present an immunization record from any authorized private or public health care provider certifying that he/she has received all required immunizations in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

Each transfer student shall be requested to present his/her immunization record, if possible, upon registration at a district school.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

The Superintendent or designee may arrange for an authorized health care provider to administer immunizations at school to any student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing.

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

IMMUNIZATIONS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44871 *Qualifications of supervisor of health*
46010 *Total days of attendance*
48216 *Immunization*
48853.5 *Immediate enrollment of foster youth*
48980 *Required notification of rights*
49403 *Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunizations*
49426 *Duties of school nurses*
49701 *Flexibility in enrollment of children of military families*
51745-51749.6 *Independent study*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 *Immunization against communicable disease, especially:*
120335 *Immunization requirement for admission*
120395 *Information about meningococcal disease, including recommendation for vaccination*
120440 *Disclosure of immunization information*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

430 *Student records*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6000-6075 *School attendance immunization requirements*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

11432 *Immediate enrollment of homeless children*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 *Family Educational Rights and Privacy*

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

California Immunization Handbook for Child Care Programs and Schools, August 2015

Guide to Immunizations Required for Child Care

Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry

Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for Child Care

Parents' Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry

EDUCATION AUDIT APPEALS PANEL PUBLICATIONS

Guide for Annual Audits of Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting, July 2015

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDANCE

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and H1N1, October 2009

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch:
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize>

California Department of Public Health, Shots for Schools: <http://shotsforschools.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Education Audit Appeals Panel: <http://www.eaap.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Visalia, California

IMMUNIZATIONS**Required Immunizations**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians, upon school registration, a written notice summarizing the state's immunization requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district 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. 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)
2. Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) (DTP, DTaP, or Tdap)
3. Poliomyelitis (polio)
4. Hepatitis B
5. Varicella (chickenpox)
6. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib meningitis)
7. Any other disease designated by the CDPH

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.3 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

A student who qualifies for an individualized education program (IEP), unless otherwise exempt, shall be fully immunized in accordance with Health and Safety Code 120335 and this regulation. 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. (Health and Safety Code 120335)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

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. (17 CCR 6070)

IMMUNIZATIONS (continued)**Exemptions**

Exemption from one or more immunization requirements shall be granted under any of the following circumstances:

1. The 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. (Health and Safety Code 120370; 17 CCR 6051)
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). (Health and Safety Code 120335)

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

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. When a student transfers into the district from outside California and presents a personal beliefs exemption issued by another state or country prior to January 1, 2016, the Superintendent or designee may consult with legal counsel regarding the applicable immunization requirements.

3. The student is enrolled in an independent study program pursuant to Education Code 51745-51749.6 and does not receive classroom-based instruction.

(cf. 6158 - Independent Study)

Conditional Enrollment

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit a student with documentation from an authorized health care provider that: (Health and Safety Code 120340; 17 CCR 6000, 6035)

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.

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2. The student has a temporary exemption from immunization 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 as specified in 17 CCR 6035.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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. (17 CCR 6070)

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. (Education Code 48853.5, 49701; Health and Safety Code 120341; 42 USC 11432)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

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.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 6183 - Home and Hospital Instruction)

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

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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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 a 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, that 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. (Health and Safety Code 120370)

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. (Health and Safety Code 120375, 120440; 17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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.

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.

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Visalia, California

THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120375 (formerly Sections 3380-3390); California Administrative Code, Title 17, Sections 6000-6075

Instructions: Post this guide on a wall or desktop as a quick reference to help you determine if children seeking admission to your school meet California's school immunization requirements. If you have any questions, call the Immunization Coordinator at your local health department.

Immunization Requirements To enter or transfer into public and private elementary and secondary schools (grades kindergarten through 12), children under the age of 18 years must have immunizations as outlined below. New 7th grade entry requirements will go into effect 7/1/99.

VACCINE

REQUIRED DOSES

Polio (OPV and/or IPV)

4 doses at any age, but.. 3 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one was given on or after the 4th birthday; 3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least on one was given on or after the 2nd birthday

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertusis

Age 6 years and under (Pertussis is required) DTP, DTaP or any combination of DTP or DTaP with DT **5 doses but**

4 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one was on or after the 4th birthday

Age 7 years and older (Pertussis is not required Td, DT, DTaP or any combination of these **4 dosed but**

4 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one was on or after the 4th birthday

7th grade, effective 7/1/99* **1 dose**
Td booster

Not required but recommended if more than 5 years have passed since the last DTP, DTaP, DT or Td dose

Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

Kindergarten **2 doses****
7th grade, effective 7/1/99 **2 doses****
Grades 1-6 and 8-12 **1 dose**

Both on or after 1st birthday
Both on or after 1st birthday
Must be on or after the 1st birthday

THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW**Hepatitis B**

Kindergarten
7th grade

3 doses
3 doses**

Varicella***
Kindergarten

1 dose or health care
provider-
documented
varicella disease or
immunity.

*Pending approval of proposed regulations

**Two doses of measles-containing vaccine required. One dose of mumps and rubella-containing vaccine required; mumps vaccine is not required for children 7 years of age or older.

***Effective Date 7/1/01

EXEMPTIONS

The law allows (a) parents/guardians to elect exemptions to immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs, and (b) physicians of children to elect medical exemptions. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem.) See the back of the blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286) for instructions and affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians electing the personal beliefs exemption. For children with medical exemptions, the physician's written statement should be stapled to the CSIR. Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

STUDENTS NOT

Refer students who do not meet these state requirements to **MEETING** their physician or local health department. Give families a **REQUIREMENTS** written notice indicating which doses are lacking.

DOCUMENTATION All children must present an immunization record.

What is it? It is a written immunization record, wither a personal record with entries made by a physician or clinic or a school immunization record - the blue California School Immunization Record (PM 286) from a former school or another state's school record. It must include at least the month and year each dose was received; for measles, rubella and/or mumps vaccine given in the month of the first birthday, month day and year are required. A record with check marks instead of dates or saying only "up-to-date," "all requirements met," or "series complete" is inadequate. Also, parents, cannot simply fill out a California School Immunization Record from memory but must present a written immunization record. Further, the record must show that all due or past due vaccine doses have been received.

Who must present it? All children under the age of 18 years entering school or transferring between school campuses. Kindergarten entrants and entrants from outside the U.S. must present a personal immunization record. (Kindergarten

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entrants can present a California School Immunization record from a child care center they previously attend, but this record usually will not include the final "booster" polio and DTP or DTaP vaccine doses), Children transferring from other schools in California or other states must present their immunization record so that the new 7th grade requirement immunization dates can be added to the student's school immunization record.

When must it be presented? Kindergarten entrants, 7th grade entrants (effective 7/1/99) and entrants from outside the U.S. must present the record at or before entry; no "grace period" of attendance is allowed for these pupils if they do not have a record. Children transferring from other schools in California or other states at other grade levels may be given up to 30 school days of attendance while waiting for their records to arrive from the previous school; some schools elect to require transferring children to present their immunization record at entry and do not allow the 30 days of attendance while waiting for records.

What do schools do with it? School staff must transcribe the immunization dates into the California School Immunization Record (SCIR or blue card; PM 286), which is available from local health departments. School staff should then review the blue card to determine if all immunization requirements have been met. The blue card is part of the child's Mandatory Permanent Students Record and must be transferred to the child's new school when he/she leaves your school. Although some vaccine doses are not required, please record dates of all doses from the child's personal immunization record on the PM 286; this information will be valuable should outbreaks of these diseases occur in your school.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS

Children lacking one or more required vaccine doses but not currently due for a dose may be admitted on condition that they receive the remaining doses when due, according to the schedule below. If the maximum time intervals has passed, the child must be excluded until the next immunization is obtained.

VACCINE	TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN DOSES
Polio	2 nd dose: 6-10 weeks after 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 6 weeks to 12 months after 2 nd dose
DTP, DTaP, DT, Td Under 7 years (DTP, DTaP, DT)	2 nd dose: 4-8 weeks after 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 4-8 weeks after 2 nd dose 4 th dose: 6-12 months after 2 nd dose
Age 7 years and older (TD)*	2 nd dose: 4-8 weeks after 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 6-12 months after 2 nd dose
MMR	2 nd dose: 1-3 months after 1 st dose
Hepatitis B	2 nd dose: 1-2 months after 1 st dose 3 rd dose: 2-6 months after 2 nd dose and at least 4 months after 1 st dose

Note: DTP, DTaP, DT doses received previously are counted toward meeting the 3 dose tetanus-diphtheria immunization requirement for this age group.

Exhibit
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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Visalia, California

**ADMITTING CHILDREN
"ON CONDITION"**

There are several situations in which children can be admitted conditionally. If they currently are up-to-date, they may be admitted on the condition that they will receive needed doses as they become due in the future. The school or child care provider must follow up, notify parents/guardians, see documentation that the needed immunizations were received (usually by seeing the child's updated personal Immunization Record), and add the new date to the Blue Card.

Intervals Needed to Complete Immunization

Most of the vaccines are given to children in a series of several doses. Certain time intervals must elapse between doses. If the next dose is not currently due, the child may be admitted "on condition" that the remaining doses are received when due.

Child Care Children Under Age 15-18 Months

Children under age 15-18 months will still be in the process of completing their immunization requirements. These children must be followed up each month until they complete their immunizations at 15-18 months. If they currently are up-to-date (next doses are not yet due), they can be admitted "on condition" they receive them when due.

Temporary Medical Exemptions

A child whose physician decides to postpone one or more immunizations because of a medical condition may be admitted "on condition" that the needed dose(s) be obtained after the exemption expires. The physician must indicate in writing which immunization(s) must be postponed and when the child can be immunized.

Admitting Transfer Students Before Cumulative Folders Arrive

When a child transfers from another school or child care center, we encourage school or center personnel to have the parents/ guardian bring to registration their child's personal immunization record from the doctor or clinic. This means only those children whose parents/guardians could not present an adequate record at the time of entry will need to be followed up. Alternatively, transfer students whose records have not yet been received from the previous school or center may be admitted and allowed not more than 30 work days of attendance while waiting for their school or center immunization record to transfer. Your school, child care center or district may set a shorter grace period or have no grace period at all.

If at the end of this grace period the record has not been received the parents/guardians must present the child's personal immunization record from the doctor to verify immunizations are up-to-date or the child must be excluded. Once the record arrives, the child may be allowed

no more than 10 school days to get any needed immunizations or else be excluded from attendance.

For children entering your school or child care center from another country, require immunizations records from the parents/guardians. Do not wait for a record from the previous country. Do not allow any grace period, but refer families without records to their local health department.

When an Unmet Requirement is Found After Admission

If, after a child is admitted, he/she is discovered to be lacking one or more immunizations, the parent/guardians should be notified. State law allows no more than 10 school days for the child to obtain the immunization and present a record of the dose(s) received, but the school or child care provider can set an earlier deadline. After that time, the child must be excluded from further attendance if he/she has not come into compliance with the requirements.