

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Regulation

Students
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IMMUNIZATIONS

Upon enrollment, students must present evidence of full immunization according to the immunization requirements of the Health Department including diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus (Td), poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), ~~and chickenpox, and Hepatitis B~~ as documented by a physician, nurse or clinic in the manner prescribed by the State Department of Health Services. ~~Students seven years old or older shall not be required to be immunized against pertussis or mumps.~~ (Health and Safety Code 120335)

~~Upon enrollment, children entering school shall also present evidence of immunization against hepatitis B.~~ (Health and Safety Code 120335)

~~Upon enrollment on or after July 1, 1999, children entering, advancing, transferring or repeating 7th grade shall present evidence of hepatitis B and a second measles containing vaccine immunization.~~ (Health and Safety Code 120335)

All students entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster immunization (Tdap). (Health and Safety Code 120325,120335)

Any student without the required evidence of immunization shall be excluded from school until the immunization is obtained or until the student presents a letter or affidavit of exemption from his/her parent/guardian or physician. ~~Exemption is allowed when the parent/guardian states in writing that immunization is contrary to his/her beliefs.~~ Exemption is also allowed to the extent indicated by a physician's written statement describing the medical condition of the child and the probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances which contraindicate immunization. (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370, 120375)

Exemption from immunization requirements is also allowed when the student's parents/guardians who want to exempt their child(ren) from one or more required immunizations because of their personal beliefs provide to the school a one page form developed by the California Department of Public Health entitled Personal Beliefs Exemption to Required Immunization which contains an affidavit or letter requesting an exemption that states that the required immunization(s) are contrary to their beliefs, and a statement signed and dated by a health care practitioner and parent indicating that the practitioner has provided, and the parent has received, information about the benefits and risks of immunizations and the risks of vaccine-preventable diseases. Effective January 1, 2014 this form shall be required for students at the time of admission to school and 7th grade as well as for any student

transferring into the district from out of state. This statement shall be signed not more than six months prior to the date when the person first becomes subject to the immunization requirements as a condition of admittance. The following shall be accepted in lieu of the original form: A photocopy of the signed form or a letter signed by a health care practitioner that includes all information and attestations included on the form. (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370, 120375; 17 CCR 6051)

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

When there is good cause to believe that the person has been exposed to one of the communicable diseases listed in subdivision (a) of Section 120325, that person may be temporarily excluded from the school or institution until the local health officer is satisfied that the person is no longer at risk of developing the disease.

The district may conditionally admit a child with documentation from a physician that: (Health and Safety Code 120340; 17 CCR 6000)

1. He/she has received some but not all required immunizations and is not due for any vaccine dose at the time of admission
2. He/she has a temporary exemption from immunization for medical reasons

The Superintendent or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally every 30 days until that student has received all of the required immunizations. (17 CCR 6070)

In accordance with law, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of the rights of students and parents/guardians relating to immunizations. (Education Code 48216, 48980)

An already admitted pupil who is subsequently discovered not to have received all the immunizations which were required before admission or who is subsequently discovered not to have complied with the requirements for conditional admission specified in Section 6035 shall continue in attendance only if he or she receives all vaccine doses for which he or she is currently due and provides documentation of having received such doses no later than 10 school days after he or she or the parent or guardian is notified. The school, shall notify the pupil or the parent or guardian of the time period (no longer than 10 school days) within which the doses must be received
(17 CCR [6040](#))

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

When admission has been denied 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 letter of exemption. This notice shall refer the parent/guardian to the child's usual source of medical care. (Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually file a report with the state and local health departments on the immunization status of new entrants or when needed to determine immunization status. (Health and Safety Code 120375; 17 CCR 6075)

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