

Gravenstein Union School District

Board Policy

Immunizations

BP 5141.31

Students

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)

Note: The following optional paragraph should be revised to reflect the grade levels and programs offered by the district. See the accompanying administrative regulation for requirements pertaining to the immunization record, including the diseases for which students must be immunized.

Each student enrolling for the first time in a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program 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)

Note: Pursuant to 17 CCR 6070, the district may conditionally admit a transfer student for up to 30 days prior to receiving the immunization records from the student's previous school. The district may establish a shorter "grace period" or no grace period. Option 1 below requires full immunization records upon enrollment. Option 2 allows the waiting period for all transfer students. Regardless of the option selected, pursuant to 42 USC 11431 and Education Code 48853.5, homeless children and foster youth must be immediately enrolled even if they are unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, including medical records. See AR 6173 - Education for Homeless Children and AR 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 49701, children of military families must be allowed 30 days from the date of enrollment to obtain required immunizations; see AR 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families.

Note: 17 CCR 6070 allows a transfer student to be conditionally admitted for up to 30 days while waiting for the transfer of immunization records from his/her previous school, as provided in Option 2 below and may be revised to reflect a time period up to 30 days. However, the California Department of Public Health's California Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs recommends that schools request parents/guardians to bring their child's personal immunization record from his/her health care provider to registration, rather than waiting for the cumulative file, especially if the student's former school is located outside the United States. In this way, districts would only need to request the record from the previous district for those students who could not present an adequate record at the time of entry. Districts that do not wish to make this request should delete the first sentence below.

OPTION 2: Each transfer student shall be requested to present his/her immunization record upon registration at a district school.

However, when necessary, 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 these records do not arrive within 30 school days, the student shall present written documentation by an authorized health care provider showing that the required immunizations were received. If such documentation is not presented, the student shall be excluded from school until the required immunizations have been administered. (17 CCR 6070)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

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

Note: The following optional paragraph is for use by districts that permit authorized medical personnel to administer immunizations at school as authorized by Education Code 49403. Pursuant to Education Code 49403, immunizations may be provided by a licensed physician or a registered nurse (including a school nurse) acting under the direction of a supervising physician. AB 1937 (Ch. 203, Statutes of 2010) amended Education Code 49403 to expand the types of health care practitioners who may administer immunizations, under the direction of a supervising physician, to include physician assistants, nurse practitioners, licensed vocational nurses, and nursing students acting under the supervision of a registered nurse. The authority of any health care practitioner, other than a licensed physician, to administer immunizations in a school immunization program is limited to immunizations for annual seasonal influenza, influenza pandemic episodes, and other diseases that represent a current or potential outbreak as declared by a federal, state, or local public health officer. Whenever a health care provider is authorized to administer immunizations at school, the school nurse must be notified and must maintain control, as necessary, as the supervisor of health in accordance with Education Code 44871 and other statutes.

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. At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified of their right to provide consent for the administration of an immunization to their child at school. (Education Code 49403)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

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

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 Schools and Child Care Programs, July 2003

Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry

Guide to the Requirements of the California School Immunization Law for Parents of Children in or Entering School or Child Care

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>

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

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

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