

# Gravenstein Union School District

## Administrative Regulation

### Immunizations

AR 5141.31

### Students

#### Required Immunizations

\*\*\*Note: The following optional paragraph may be revised to reflect district practice. The California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) California Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs recommends that districts provide parents/guardians with a written notice of immunization requirements. The CDPH's Guide to the Requirements of the California School Immunization Law for Parents of Children in or Entering School or Child Care, which is available in English and Spanish, may be used for this purpose.\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*Note: The following paragraph should be revised to reflect the grade levels and programs offered by the district. See 17 CCR 6020 and the CDPH's Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry and California Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs for details regarding the ages/grades at which specific immunizations are required and the doses needed.\*\*\*

The Superintendent or designee shall not unconditionally admit any student to a district elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program nor advance a student to specified grade levels unless the student has presented 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)

\*\*\*Note: According to the CDPH's Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry, the immunization record must be either a personal record with entries made by an authorized health care provider or a school immunization record from the student's previous school (either the California School Immunization Record or another state's school record). Pursuant to 17 CCR 6070, the record must include at least the month and year each dose was received. However, for measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine administered during the month of the first birthday, the record must show the month, day, and year.\*\*\*

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 the date that each dose was administered.

### **Exemptions**

Exemption from immunization requirements shall be granted under either of the following circumstances: (Health and Safety Code 120365, 120370; 17 CCR 6051)

1. The student's parent/guardian provides a written statement by a licensed physician that, due to the physical condition or medical circumstances of the student, one or more immunizations are considered unsafe or are permanently not indicated. The physician's statement shall indicate the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstances that contraindicate immunization. In such circumstances, the student shall be exempted from one or more vaccines to the extent indicated by the physician's statement.

\*\*\*Note: Health and Safety Code 120365 exempts a student from one or more immunization requirements if the parent/guardian states in writing that the immunizations are contrary to his/her beliefs. AB 2109 (Ch. 821, Statutes of 2012) amended Health and Safety Code 120365 to require that this written statement also document which immunizations have been given and to specify which immunizations are contrary to the parent/guardian's beliefs. On or after January 1, 2014, the parent/guardian statement must be accompanied by (1) a CDPH form signed by a physician attesting that he/she has provided certain information to the parent/guardian, as provided below, and (2) the parent/guardian's acknowledgment of the receipt of the information.\*\*\*

2. The student's parent/guardian provides a letter or affidavit documenting which immunizations required by Health and Safety Code 120355 have been given and which immunizations have not been given on the basis that they are contrary to the parent/guardian's beliefs.

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

When immunization(s) are contrary to the parent/guardian's personal beliefs but there is good

cause to believe that the student has been exposed to one of the communicable diseases listed in Health and Safety Code 120325, the student shall be temporarily excluded from school until the local public health officer is satisfied that the student is no longer at risk of developing the disease.

On or after January 1, 2014, the parent/guardian shall also submit a form prescribed by the CDPH which includes a signed attestation by a health care practitioner that indicates he/she has provided the parent/guardian with information regarding the benefits and risks of the immunization and the health risks of the communicable diseases listed in Health and Safety Code 120335 to the person and the community. The parent/guardian shall sign a statement indicating that he/she has received this information. Neither the health care practitioner nor the parent/guardian shall sign these statements more than six months prior to the date that the student is subject to the immunization requirement. In lieu of the original form, the district shall accept a photocopy of the signed form or a letter by a health care practitioner that includes all information and attestations included on the form.

### **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. (Education Code 48216; 17 CCR 6040)

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)

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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, unless the student is exempt from immunization for medical reasons or personal beliefs. 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)

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

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses when they become due as specified in 17 CCR 6035.

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)

## Records

\*\*\*Note: The CDPH requires that school staff record all immunization dates from each student's personal immunization record onto the California School Immunization Record (often referred to as the "blue card") and then complete the documentation section of the card which includes the type of record provided and the status of the student's immunizations. The record also may be maintained electronically.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: An immunization record that is directly related to a student is an "education record" subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC 1232g; 34 CFR 99.1-99.67) and therefore generally requires parent/guardian consent to be lawfully disclosed. However, pursuant to 20 USC 1232g and 34 CFR 99.31 and 99.36, an exception exists when knowledge of the information is necessary to address an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of the student or other individuals.\*\*\*

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)

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