

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 5141.31

ADOPTED: 2/24/97

CLASSIFICATION: Students

**REPLACED
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SUBJECT: 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 VCOE students against preventable diseases.

Effective July 1, 2016, each student (including a student who qualifies for special education and related services) shall present an immunization record from any authorized private or public health provider certifying that he/she has received all required immunizations in accordance to the law prior to enrolling for the first time in a VCOE elementary or secondary school, preschool, or child care and development program, or prior to being admitted or advanced to grade 7. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as authorized by law.

Each transfer student shall be requested to present his/her immunization record, if possible, upon registration at a VCOE school or program. If the immunization record is not available, the VCOE shall conditionally admit the student for up to 30 school days while waiting for the transfer of immunization records from his/her previous school.

EXEMPTION

The Superintendent or designee will accept exemptions for immunizations for medical reasons when a licensed physician provides a written statement 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, and containing additional information required by law. Personal belief exemptions or written affidavit stating that an immunization is contrary to personal beliefs, signed by the parent or guardian prior to January 1, 2016 will be valid until the student enrolls in the next applicable grade span requiring immunization (birth to preschool, grades K-6, grades 7-12).

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

The Superintendent or designee may conditionally admit, in accordance with the law governing conditional admission, a student who has not received all the required immunizations. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall admit transfer students, homeless or foster youth, and students of military families in accordance with the law while his/her immunization records are being transferred or located from the previous school.

EXCLUSIONS

The Superintendent or designee may temporarily exclude any student without the required evidence of completed immunization(s) from school until the immunization(s) are obtained or an exemption is granted, or otherwise under the direction of a public health officer due to concerns of exposures to a communicable disease.

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>