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, advancing to transitional kindergarten, kindergarten or grade 7 shall present an immunization record from any authorized private or public health care provider certifying that they have received all required immunizations in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from school or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.

The Governing Board believes that barriers to enrollment due to lack of documentation of immunization shall be removed for homeless students and children living in foster care. Homeless children must be immediately enrolled with or without a fully documented immunization record. School staff will assist the family in obtaining the documentation or immunizations as quickly as possible. Enrollment of homeless children is defined as "attending classes and participating fully in school activities." Therefore, the school site staff, including school nurses, shall assist the parents/guardians in obtaining immunization records for homeless and children living in foster care. School staff and school nurses shall work with other school districts and agencies to ensure immunization information is received in a timely manner. If these children have not received their immunization they shall be directed to the district Health Services.

(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)

Transfer Students (Interstate/Intrastate)

Each transfer student shall be requested to present their immunization record, if possible, upon registration at a district school.
Except to the extent otherwise authorized by law, each transfer student shall present evidence of immunization before he/she is admitted to school. Such evidence may include the child's personal immunization record from his/her authorized health care provider or his/her cumulative file from his/her previous 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)

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)

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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:

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

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