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## IMMUNIZATION

In compliance with California state law effective January 1, 2016 in order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and, in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board requires all students to be immunized against certain diseases in accordance with state statute, unless specifically exempt for a documented medical reason.

To enter the schools of this district for the first time, all students under the age of 18 must present written certification from a County Health Care Agency, a qualified licensed physician, or from previous school records of having been completely immunized for his or her age against Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B and Varicella.

The Board shall excuse from its requirements for immunizations a student whose parent or guardian presents written documentation from a licensed physician (M.D., D.O, or Surgeon only) to the school registrar that the student is medically exempt from immunization(s). A parent or guardian may provide a written statement by a licensed physician 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, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance including, but not limited to, family medical history, for which this physician does not recommend immunization. The child shall be exempt to the extent indicated by the physician's statement.

The Board also affirms the amended Health and Safety Code Section 120335(g) stating that a pupil who prior to January 1, 2016 submitted a letter or affidavit on file at a private or public elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center stating beliefs opposed to immunization shall be allowed to enroll to any private or public elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center within the state until the pupil enrolls in the next grade span. Section 120335(g)(2) defines "grade span" as birth to preschool, Kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, including Transitional Kindergarten, and grades 7 through 12 inclusive.

Legal Reference  
Education Code  
48850 et seq., 51745 et seq., 47612.5

Health and Safety Code  
120335 et seq., 120370 et seq., 120325, 120375, 120338

California Administrative Code  
Title 17 Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Section 6000 6075

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