

## GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

# Grades K-12



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<b>REFERENCE</b>	Health and Safety Code, Division 105, Part 2, Chapter 1, Sections 120325-120380; California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8, Sections 6000-6075
<b>IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	To enter or transfer into public and private elementary and secondary schools (grades K-12), children under age 18 years must have immunizations as outlined below.

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### VACCINE

### REQUIRED DOSES

#### Polio

**4 doses at any age, but** 3 doses meet the requirement for ages 4-6 years if at least one was given on or after the 4th birthday; 3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least one was given after the 2nd birthday.

#### Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis

Age 6 years and under  
(Pertussis is required)

**5 doses at any age, but** 4 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 years if at least one was given on or after the 4th birthday.

Age 7 years and older  
(Pertussis is not required)

**4 doses at any age, but** 3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least one was on or after the 2nd birthday. If last dose was given before 2nd birthday, one more (Td) dose is required.

7th grade  
(Td booster)

**1 dose** not required but recommended if last dose was more than 5 years.

#### Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

Kindergarten

**2 doses** both on or after the first birthday

7th grade

**2 doses** both on or after the first birthday

Grades 1-6 and 8-12

**1 dose, must be on or after the first birthday**

#### Hepatitis B

Kindergarten

**3 doses at any age**

7th grade

**3 doses at any age**

#### Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Kindergarten

**1 dose**

Out-of-state entrants  
(Grades 1-12)

**1 dose** for children under 13 years; 2 doses are needed if immunized on or after 13th birthday

#### TB (Tuberculosis) Skin Test

Kindergarten

**Mantoux (intradermal) only. Tine test (multiple puncture) is not acceptable.**

Out-of-state and

Must have been given 1 year prior to school entry (September)

Out-of-country entrants  
(Grades 1-12)

Must have been given 5 years prior to school entry.

**Chest X-ray required if skin test is positive** (Induration of 10 mm. or more)

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<b>EXEMPTIONS</b>	The law allows (a) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements based on their personal beliefs, (parent's signature is required) and (b) physicians of children to elect medical exemptions (physicians written statement and signature is required). The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem). Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions, so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.
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