

LEGISLATION CHANGES REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS

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SENATE BILL 277

- In June 2015, the California Legislature passed SB 277 and it was signed into law by Governor Brown.
- Law went into effect on January 1, 2016.
- Eliminated future personal belief waivers for children newly enrolling in child care and public and private schools in California.
- Implemented a phase-in for children currently enrolled with personal belief exemptions dated before January 1, 2016.
- **ONLY** exempts:
 - students with medical exemptions signed by a licensed physician or authorized health care provider; and
 - students enrolled in home-based study programs and independent study programs that do not have any classroom-based instruction

CURRENT GUSD STUDENTS WITH EXEMPTIONS

- 26,280 Students in Preschool, TK/K-12, and FACTS
 - 98.7% are fully vaccinated or in the process of receiving all vaccinations
 - 1.27% have either a medical or personal belief exemption
 - 20 students have medical exemptions
 - 315 have personal belief exemptions (PBE)
 - 37 are PS or Gr. 6 (must be fully vaccinated to enroll in TK/K and Gr. 7)
 - 173 Grades TK/K – 5 (PBE goes until they enter Gr. 7)
 - 103 Grades 7-12 (PBE goes until graduation)
 - 2 are in College View and Verdugo Academy (PBE goes until they enter Gr. 7)

PHASE IN PLAN

- For children already enrolled in California child care or public or private schools with a personal belief exemption (PBE) dated before January 1, 2016:
 - Students' current PBE will remain valid UNTIL they enter transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, or Gr. 7.
 - Students with a PBE currently in Grades K-5 do not need to complete vaccinations until the end of Gr. 6 in preparation for matriculating into Gr. 7.
 - Students with a PBE moving into Grades 8-12 will maintain their exemption status.

WHICH VACCINATIONS ARE REQUIRED?

- Polio (OPV or IPV)
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, Td)
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMR-V)
- Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)
- Varicella (chickenpox, VAR, MMR-V, or VZV)

AGE REQUIREMENT AND NUMBER OF DOSES VARIES

- Based on the age of the child and any prior vaccination history the number of doses for each vaccination varies.
- Parents are referred to the school nurses and to their physicians for questions specific to vaccinations.
- A link to the “Guide to Immunizations Required for School Entry” from the California Department of Public Health can be found on the GUSD website for parents on the Home Page under “Enrollment Requirements.”

GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

GRADES TK/K-12



Entry Requirements by Age and Grade Before Entering:

Vaccine	4-6 Years Old Elementary School at Transitional-Kindergarten/ Kindergarten and Above	7-17 Years Old Elementary or Secondary School	7th Grade*
Polio (OPV or IPV)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 2nd birthday)	
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	5 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, or Td (3 doses ok if last dose was given on or after 2nd birthday. At least one dose must be Tdap or DTaP/DTP given on or after 7th birthday for all 7th-12th graders.)	1 dose of Tdap (Or DTP/DTaP given on or after the 7th birthday.)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR or MMR-V)	2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday. Only one dose of mumps and rubella vaccines are required if given separately.)	1 dose (Dose given on or after 1st birthday. Mumps vaccine is not required if given separately.)	2 doses of MMR or any measles-containing vaccine (Both doses given on or after 1st birthday.)
Hepatitis B (Hep B or HBV)	3 doses		
Varicella (chickenpox, VAR, MMR-V, or VZV)	1 dose	1 dose for ages 7-12 years. 2 doses for ages 13-17 years.	

*New admissions to 7th grade should also meet the requirements for ages 7-17 years.

GUSD'S PLAN TO SUPPORT FAMILIES

- Health Services is reaching out individually to the parents of the 37 students who must receive vaccinations before they can enroll in TK/K or Gr. 7 for 2016/2017.
- The other parents with children currently on Personal Belief Exemptions will receive a letter mailed home with information regarding when and if this new law affects them.
- All families newly enrolling for school are receiving information about the new law when they pick up enrollment packets at the schools.
- Information has been posted on the GUSD website under "Enrollment Requirements."