

## New Vaccination Regulations

Senate Bill 277 (Public Health: vaccinations) was passed in June, 2015, by the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown. This law eliminates the personal belief exemption for student vaccinations.

Our top priority is always the health and safety of our students and staff, and we responsibly follow and uphold state and federal law at our schools.

As of July 1, 2016, the law now requires vaccinations for new, incoming students, unless an exemption due to medical reasons or family history is obtained from a licensed physician (of parental choosing).

Prior to a student's first admission to any private or public elementary or secondary school, child care center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, or development center, they must have been fully immunized for:

- Diphtheria.
- Haemophilus influenzae type b.
- Measles.
- Mumps.
- Pertussis (whooping cough).
- Poliomyelitis.
- Rubella.
- Tetanus.
- Hepatitis B.
- Varicella (chickenpox).



Any other disease deemed appropriate by the California State Department of Public Health, taking into consideration the recommendations of the advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

This law does not affect students attending home-based private school or independent study programs (without classroom-based instruction).

Students will not be admitted or have the ability to advance to the 7th grade level unless they have been fully immunized according to their age.

A student with a personal beliefs exemption on file with the school before January 1, 2016, will still be allowed to attend class until they reach the next grade span. The three grade spans include birth to preschool, kindergarten to sixth grade (including transitional kindergarten), and seventh through twelfth grade.

### Still curious?

Ask your child's teacher, principal, or school nurse.