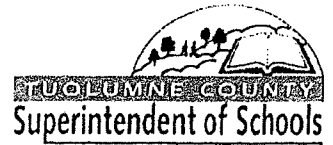


Cathy A. Parker
County Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On June 30, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 277 requiring all students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade to show proof of immunization in order to enroll in school, public or private. While the law still allows for medical exemptions with proper documentation, exemptions for personal beliefs (PBE) are not allowed. Child care programs, public schools and private schools may not unconditionally admit any pupil or advance any pupil to 7th grade level, unless the pupil has been immunized for his or her age as required by this law.

Every child should be able to attend school without the threat of contracting a preventable contagious disease. Chronically ill and immunocompromised students are unable to be vaccinated and are therefore protected from significant health risks only through the community-minded efforts of others who do not have a medical contraindication to vaccination.

If you are not sure if your child's vaccine records are up to date, contact your child's school directly. If you still have questions, contact the county school's nurse at 209-536-2071. All the required immunizations are approved for the routine schedule to be administered at 4 years of age and typically are part of a routine 4-year-old well child visit. There will be no exceptions made for parents who choose to delay vaccines unless a physician has signed a medical exemption.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR TK/K (AT AGES 4-6 YEARS)

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP or DT)—5 doses
(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Polio (OPV or IPV)—4 doses
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- Hepatitis B—3 doses
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)—2 doses
(Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)—2 doses

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/K through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization as a condition of enrollment. **Students without proof of immunization will not be allowed to attend school.** Furthermore, if your child is unvaccinated, including for medical reasons, and there is a disease outbreak, the school may be ordered by the Health Department to temporarily exclude your child for his or her protection.

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