

If you have recently completed your returning student registration with updated immunization records or submitted a medical exemption to your child's school, and you have met the requirements below, thank you for your prompt follow-up. You may disregard this notice.

Dear 6th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Please see the information below for 7th grade immunization requirements. If your child is missing the required 7th grade immunizations, or if they qualify for a medical exemption, please follow up with your child's CA licensed physician **as soon as possible**. You will need to enter your child's updated immunization information in order to complete the returning student registration. This will ensure that your child may begin the 7th grade school year without delays.

FOR ENTRY INTO THE 7TH GRADE:

Students will not be allowed to attend school without documentation of one of the following:

1. **7th Grade Required Immunizations** (please see specific immunization requirements below)
2. **Medical exemption for required immunizations:** A parent/guardian must submit a medical exemption issued by a CA licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) through the CAIR-ME website (additional information below)

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS FOR 7th GRADE

The State of California requires that all students advancing to the 7th grade have the following immunizations (does not apply to students with **medical exemptions** specific to these immunizations):

1. **Tdap vaccine**--A Tdap booster on or after the 7th birthday is required for all new 7th grade students.
2. **2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine**--Immunization regulations, which went into effect in July of 2019, require a second dose of varicella vaccine for advancement into the 7th grade.

Please contact your child's CA licensed physician to schedule his/her vaccination(s). Additionally, **recommended** (but not required) immunizations for your child's age group include [Meningococcal and HPV vaccines](#).

Please note that there may be additional immunization requirements for **new student admissions, transfer students, and students who previously held a valid personal belief exemption or medical exemption**.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS -- new requirements as of January 1, 2021:

If your child has a medical condition that would preclude them from receiving one or more of the required immunizations, you must submit a valid medical exemption to your child's school.

- Students advancing to 7th grade with a prior medical exemption (signed before 1/1/21) must obtain a new medical exemption prior to the start of their 7th grade year.
- As of January 1, 2021 all new medical exemptions must be obtained through your child's physician using the CAIR-ME website (<https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home>).

PERSONAL BELIEF EXEMPTIONS (PBE):

California personal belief exemptions signed prior to January 1, 2016 are valid through your child's 6th grade school year. For advancement into the 7th grade, a valid medical exemption or documentation of catch-up immunizations started with no shots currently due (even if more doses are due later) must be provided.

IMMUNIZATION RESOURCES:

- Your child's physician should be your primary resource for immunizations or exemptions.
- If you need additional immunization resources for your child, please contact your child's school.
- For more information on required immunizations, please visit: <https://www.shotsforschool.org/>