

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS**

**AB 1443 ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS**

New legislation dealing with oral health assessments for students became effective January 1, 2007. AB 1443 requires oral health assessments for all children entering public school for the first time (*kindergarten or first grade*). Parents must submit proof of an oral health assessment performed by a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional.

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

If your child is entering kindergarten, you must show proof of the following immunizations: 5-DTP (*4 doses if given after age 4*), 4 polio (*3 doses if given after age 4*), 2-MMR (*both of these must be received after the 1st birthday*), and 3-hepatitis B shots. A chickenpox/varicella vaccine is now required or documentation from a healthcare provider stating that the child has had chickenpox.

Please see your child's doctor now to make sure your child's immunization record has dates for these shots. We will need to see this complete Immunization record to register your child for school.

**THERE ARE NOW 7TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

California added a 7th grade immunization requirement to the California School Immunization Law, effective July 1, 1999. Students entering 7th grade, in public and private schools, will need to have three hepatitis B shots and a second measles (*or MMR*) shot. A chickenpox/varicella shot is required if your child has not already had the vaccine or disease.

A Tuberculin (Mantoux/PPD) skin test is required for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Tuberculin skin test must have been given within (6) months of entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Additionally, students, grades 1-12, coming from out of the state of California, will need documentation of a varicella vaccine. Two (2) doses are needed if student has been immunized on or after his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Students who are new to Kings County Schools will need a PPD/TB skin test if entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**FOR THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY, ALL STUDENTS ENTERING 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES** will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school. This requirement:

- Begins July 1, 2011
- Can be met by the CDPH recommendation to receive one dose of Tdap vaccine on or after the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Applies to all public and private schools
- Does not affect students enrolled in summer school

**Beginning July 1, 2012 and beyond all students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school.**

**HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL ENTRY**

California's Health and Safety Code 124085 requires a comprehensive health screening for Grades K-1 to be completed and presented to the school nurse within 18 months prior to entry into first grade or within 90 days thereafter.

*Children who have not started their hepatitis B shots before the first day of 7th grade will be excluded from school. Please make sure your child has completed the three shot series before school starts.*