

Dear 6th Grade Parents/Guardians:

Please see the information below for 7th grade immunization requirements. Please follow up with your CA licensed physician, and bring documentation of immunizations or a medical exemption to your child's school, as soon as possible, to 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 or guardian must submit a written statement from a CA licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states:
 - a. The specific nature of the physical condition or medical circumstance for which the licensed physician does not recommend immunization.
 - b. Which vaccines are being exempted.
 - c. Whether the medical exemption for each immunization is permanent or temporary.
 - d. The expiration date for each respective immunization, if the exemption is temporary. Temporary exemptions may be issued for no more than 12 months.

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** for 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**--New immunization regulations, which go 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. Additionally, **recommended** (but not required) immunizations for your child's age group include Meningococcal and HPV vaccines.

*Please note that there are additional immunization requirements for new student admissions or transfer students, including students coming from out of state. These immunization requirements are also for those students who previously held a valid personal belief exemption, if immunizations are due (see below). For more information on required immunizations, please visit: <https://www.shotsforschool.org/> .

Students with Current Personal Beliefs Exemptions (PBE):

Senate Bill 277, passed by the California legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown, eliminates the Personal Belief Exemption (PBE) for student vaccinations. This law went into effect January 1, 2016. All middle school students with a PBE on file with a California school district before January 1, 2016, will be allowed to attend class through their 6th grade school year. However, for advancement into the 7th grade, students will need to provide documentation of immunizations started (following a catch-up schedule, with no shots due at the start of school, even if more doses are due later in the year). Alternately, if students have a physical condition or medical circumstance for which the CA licensed physician does not recommend immunizations, they may submit a medical exemption (following guidelines above) for required immunizations.