

Students

HEALTH SCREENING FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Parental Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of all kindergarten students of the requirement to obtain a health screening in accordance with Health and Safety Code 124085 and of the availability of the Child Health and Disabilities Prevention (CHDP) Program, established pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124025-124110 to assist eligible low-income families in obtaining the health screening. Parents/guardians also shall be notified that if they do not obtain the health screening, they must sign a waiver as described below in the section "Certification/Waiver of Health Screening." (Health and Safety Code 124100)

The notice to parents/guardians shall include a form developed by the California Department of Health Services (DHS) to be completed by the student's health examiner and used to certify completion of the health screening.

The notice shall be included with the notification of immunization requirements provided to parents/guardians prior to their child's enrollment in kindergarten and shall encourage completion of the health screening simultaneously with immunizations.

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

The notice shall also be provided to parents/guardians of any student who is enrolling in first grade without having attended kindergarten in the District.

Certification/Waiver of Health Screening

Within 90 days after a student's entrance into first grade, his/her parent/guardian shall provide the Superintendent or designee with the completed certification form documenting that the student has obtained the health screening within the prior 18 months. (Health and Safety Code 124085)

In lieu of the certificate, parents/guardians may submit a waiver indicating that they do not want or are unable to obtain a health screening. If the waiver indicates that the parent/guardian was unable to obtain the services, the reasons should be included in the waiver. (Health and Safety Code 124085)

(cf. 5111 – Admission)

(cf. 5141.3 – Health Examinations)

Upon request, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a parent/guardian with a waiver form developed by the DHS.

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The certification form or waiver shall be maintained in the student's health file or cumulative record.

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

During the first 90 days of school, the Superintendent or designee may contact parents/guardians of first grade students who have not either the certification form or the waiver. The Superintendent or designee may contact any such parents/guardians a second time to ensure that they understand the requirements and, if appropriate, their possible eligibility for the CHDP program.

Exclusions from Attendance

Any first-grade student who does not present evidence of a health screening or a waiver on or before the 90th day after entering first grade shall be excluded from school for not more than five school days. The exclusion shall begin on the 91st day after the student's entrance into the first grade, or if school is not in session, then on the next succeeding school day. (Health and Safety Code 124105)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt a student from exclusion when his/her parents/guardians have been contacted at least twice between the first day and the 90th day after the student's enrollment in first grade and the parents/guardians refuse to provide either a certification form or a waiver. (Health and Safety Code 124105)

(cf. 5112.2 – Exclusions from Attendance)

Legal Reference:

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 104395 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program expansion
- 124025-124100 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, especially
- 124085 Certificate of receipt; health screening and evaluation services; waiver by parent or guardian
- 124100 Distribution of program information to parents/guardians of kindergarten children
- 124105 Exclusions and exemption; legislative intent of notification contents

Management Resources:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

CHDP School Handbook: School Entry Health Examination Requirements, rev.
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WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Department of Health Services, Child Health and Disability Prevention Program:
<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh.cms.chdp>
California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

Regulation

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