

Health Screening for School EntryParental Notifications for Health Screening

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 Disability Prevention (CHDP) program established pursuant to Health and Safety Code 124025-124110 to assist eligible low-income families in obtaining the health screening. Information on other resources in the community available to assist parents in meeting this requirement may also be provided. 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 Care Services (*DHCS*) 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.

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 calendar 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)

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

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

During the first 90 calendar days after the start of school, the Superintendent or designee may contact any parents/guardians of first-grade students who

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have not provided 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 and/or other available community resources.

Exclusions from Attendance

Any first-grade student who does not present evidence of a health screening or a waiver on or before the 90th calendar day after entering first grade shall be excluded from school for not more than five school days. The exclusion shall begin on the 91st calendar 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 calendar 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)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48985 Notice to parents in language other than English

49060-49079 Pupil records

49452.8 Oral health assessment

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

104395 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program expansion

124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, especially:

124085 Certificate documenting health screening and evaluation services; waiver by parent/guardian

124100 Distribution of program information to parents/guardians of kindergarten children

124105 Exclusions and exemption; legislative intent of notification contents

Management Resources:

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

432 Student records

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6800-6874 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

CHDP School Handbook: School Entry Health Examination Requirements, rev. January 2006

Policy

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