

# EUREKA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Immunization Requirements

Please see the information below for 7th grade immunization requirements. Please follow up with your healthcare provider, 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. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Immunizations** (please see specific immunization requirements below)
2. **Medical exemption for required immunizations: Starting January 1, 2021 (per Shots for School)**
  - Medical exemptions for school and child care entry can only be issued through the California Immunization Registry – Medical Exemption website ([CAIR-ME](http://CAIR-ME)) by physicians licensed in California. Parents can create an account and log in to CAIR-ME to submit a request for a medical exemption. Next, the child's doctor can complete the medical exemption in CAIR-ME and print a copy for the parents to give to the child's school or child care facility.
  - The requirements for a medical exemption from a CA licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) include:
    - The specific nature of the physical condition or medical circumstance for which the licensed physician does not recommend immunization.
    - Which vaccines are being exempted.
    - Whether the medical exemption for each immunization is permanent or temporary.
    - 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 (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) 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 went into effect July 1, 2019, require a second dose of varicella vaccine for advancement into the 7th grade

Please contact your student's doctor 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, and for those who previously held a valid personal belief exemption, if immunizations are due (see below). For more information on required immunizations and medical exemptions, 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 elementary 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 licensed physician does not recommend immunizations, they may submit a medical exemption (following guidelines above) for required immunizations.