



Gold Rush Charter School (the “Charter School”) will adhere to all law related to legally required immunizations for entering students pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120375, and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Sections 6000-605.

Required Immunizations, Records and Reports

California law requires that an immunization record be presented to the Charter School staff before a child can be enrolled in school. The Charter School requires written verification from a doctor or immunization clinic of the following immunizations:

Students entering kindergarten who are not exempt will need the following immunization requirements:

Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus (DPT)	Five (5) doses
Polio	Four (4) doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	Two (2) doses
Hepatitis B	Three (3) doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	One (1) dose

NOTE: Four doses of DTP are allowed if one was given on or after the fourth birthday. Three doses of Polio are allowed if one was given on or after fourth birthday. MMR doses must be given on or after first birthday.

Students entering 7th grade who are not exempt from the immunization requirements must show proof of the following immunizations:

Immunization	Dosage
Tetanus, reduced Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis (Tdap)	One (1) doses

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	Two (2) doses
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NOTE: In order to begin 7th grade, students who had a valid personal belief exemption on file with a public or private elementary or secondary school in California before January 1, 2016 must meet all requirements for children 7-17 years old (i.e., polio, MMR, chickenpox and primary series for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), **in addition to** the 7th grade requirements for Tdap and two (2) doses of MMR. The Charter School’s verification of immunizations will be completed with written medical records from the child’s doctor or immunization clinic. Immunization records shall be part of the mandatory permanent pupil record and shall be kept in accordance with the Charter School’s record-keeping policy. The Charter School will file a written report on the immunization status of all new entrants to the Charter School with the Department of Health Services as required by law.

Any child leaving the United States for a short vacation to or long stay in any country considered by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) to have increased risk of TB exposure (such as Mexico, the Philippines, India or Southeast Asia) **MUST** contact the County Tuberculosis Clinic for a TB Screening upon return.

The Charter School shall immediately admit a foster child, as defined in Education Code § 48853.5(a), and a homeless child, as defined in Section 11434a(2) of Title 42 of the United States Code, whose immunization records are not available or are missing. However, this does not alter Charter School’s obligation to obtain immunization records for foster and homeless students or to ensure the full immunization of foster and homeless students as required by law.

If Charter School discovers that an admitted student who is not exempt from the immunization requirements has not received all required immunizations, Charter School will notify his/her parent/guardian. If, within ten (10) school days of the notice, the child does not provide documentation of having received all required immunizations, Charter School shall exclude the student from attendance. The student shall remain excluded from Charter School until he/she is fully immunized. The student shall also be reported to the School Registrar.

The Principal/Director, or designee, may arrange for qualified medical personnel to administer immunizations at Charter School to any Student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing.

Whenever there is good cause to believe that a student has been exposed to a communicable disease for which immunization is required, that student may be temporarily excluded from the Charter School until the local health officer is satisfied that the person is no longer at risk of developing the disease.

Conditional Admittance

Students may be conditionally admitted in accordance as set forth in Title 17, California Code of Regulations Section 6035. The Principal/Director or designee shall notify the student’s parents/guardians of the date by which the student must complete all the remaining doses when

they become due. The Principal/Director or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally every thirty (30) days until that student has received all the required immunizations. If a student conditionally admitted fails to fulfill the conditions of admission, the School will prohibit the student from further attendance until that student has been fully immunized as required by law.

Exemptions from Immunization Requirements:

All students must be fully immunized in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code and the California Code of Regulations with the following exceptions:

- Students who show proof of a medical exemption pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 120370;
- Students who are enrolled in Charter School's home-based study program or independent study program and do not receive any classroom-based instruction; and
- Students who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit on file at a private or public elementary or secondary school in California stating beliefs opposed to immunization, and who provides said letter or affidavit to the Charter School, shall be allowed to enroll at Charter School without being fully immunized until the student enrolls in the next grade span pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 120335 (g);
 - "Grade span" means each of the following:
 - Preschool.
 - Kindergarten
 - Grades 7

This Policy does not prohibit a pupil who qualifies for an individualized education program, pursuant to federal law and Education Code § 56026, from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her individualized education program. However, parents or guardians must continue to provide immunization records for these students to their schools and schools must continue to maintain and report records of immunizations that have been received for these students.

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