

EDISON BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

The Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (“EBCA” or “Charter School”) will adhere to all laws related to legally required immunizations for entering students pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120380, and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Sections 6000-6075.

Required Immunizations, Records and Reports

California law requires that an immunization record be presented to EBCA staff before a child can be unconditionally enrolled in school. EBCA 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:

Immunization	Dosage
Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus (DTaP)	Five (5) doses
Polio	Four (4) doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	Two (2) doses
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	Three (3) doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	Two (2) doses

NOTE: Four doses of DTaP 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.

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 EBCA’s Educational Records and Student Information Policy. EBCA will file a written report on the immunization status of all new entrants to EBCA with the California Department of Public Health 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 MUST contact the County Tuberculosis Clinic for a TB Screening upon return.

EBCA 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 EBCA'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 EBCA discovers that an admitted student who is not exempt from the immunization requirements has not received all required immunizations and does not meet the conditional admission requirements set forth below, EBCA 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, EBCA shall exclude this student from attendance. The student shall remain excluded from the EBCA's campuses until he/she is fully immunized. The student shall also be reported to the School Office Manager.

The Executive Director/Principal, or designee, may arrange for qualified medical personnel to administer immunizations at EBCA 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 campus 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 with Health and Safety Code Section 120340 and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Section 6035. The Executive Director/Principal or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date(s) by which the student must complete all the remaining doses. The Executive Director/Principal 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, EBCA will prohibit the student from further attendance until that student has been fully immunized as required by law.

Documentary Proof

The Executive Director/Principal shall maintain the student's immunization information in the student's mandatory permanent record and shall file annual immunization status reports as required by the California Department of Public Health.

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:

1. Students who show proof of a medical exemption by a physician licensed to practice medicine in California pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 120370; If there is

good cause to believe that a child has been exposed to a disease listed in subdivision (b) of Section 120335 and his or her documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against that disease, that child may be temporarily excluded from the school or institution until the local health officer is satisfied that the child is no longer at risk of developing or transmitting the disease.

2. Students who are enrolled in a home-based private school or independent study program and do not receive any classroom-based instruction.
 - a. A student who has not received all of the required immunizations will not be eligible to attend classes at an EBCA resource center unless the student is otherwise exempt under #1 or #3.
3. 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 EBCA, shall be allowed to enroll at the EBCA without being fully immunized until the student enrolls in the next grade span pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 120335(g);
 - a. "Grade span" means each of the following:
 - i. Birth to Preschool.
 - ii. Kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, including transitional kindergarten.
 - iii. Grades 7 to 12, inclusive.

This Policy does not prohibit a pupil who qualifies for an individualized education program ("IEP"), pursuant to federal law and Education Code Section 56026, from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her individualized education program.