

## **Tuberculosis Testing**

The following protocol shall be followed for any student who has a positive TB skin test:

1. ~~— The parent/guardian must provide the school with the results of a chest x-ray before the student enters class. If no x-ray has been done, the parent/guardian must then obtain for their student a chest x-ray and bring proof that the film was taken for school entry.~~
2. ~~— If x-ray results are not returned within two weeks, the site administrator or designee will follow up with the student and family for information about the x-ray report.~~
3. ~~— If the student is found to have active infectious tuberculosis, the student shall not be admitted to school until a physician's note is presented, showing that the student does not have active tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485, 121495)~~

Any student with active tuberculosis shall be excluded from attendance at a district school in accordance with AR 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance.

(cf. [5112.2](#) - Exclusions from Attendance)

Students shall be screened or tested for tuberculosis under the following circumstances:

1. As part of the comprehensive health screening required for school entry, parents/guardians shall provide evidence within 90 days after their child's entry into first grade that their child has been screened for risk of tuberculosis within the preceding 18 months. (Health and Safety Code [124040](#), [124085](#))

(cf. [5141.32](#) - Health Screening for School Entry)

2. Whenever ordered by the local health officer, students seeking admission for the first time to a district school at any grade level shall submit to tuberculosis testing. Any student subject to the order shall be admitted to school as follows:

- a. The Superintendent or designee shall unconditionally admit the student if he/she, prior to admission, submits a certificate, signed by any public or private medical provider, indicating that he/she has completed an approved tuberculosis examination and is free from active tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code [121485](#), [121490](#), [121500](#); 22 CCR [41305](#), [41311](#), [41313](#))

(cf. [5141.3](#) - Health Examinations)

(cf. [5141.6](#) - School Health Services)

(cf. [5148](#) - Child Care and Development)

(cf. [5148.3](#) - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

A student shall not be required to obtain the certificate if his/her parent/guardian or custodian provides the Superintendent or designee with an affidavit stating that the required examination is contrary to his/her beliefs. If there is probable cause to believe that such a student has active tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from school until the Superintendent or designee is satisfied that he/she is not afflicted. (Health and Safety Code [121505](#))

b. A student who has not submitted the certificate may be conditionally admitted provided that he/she receives an approved tuberculin skin test within 10 school days after admission. A student who had a positive skin test and has not subsequently obtained a chest x-ray may be conditionally admitted if he/she receives a chest x-ray within 20 school days after admission. Any student who fails to provide the certificate within those time periods shall be prohibited from further attendance until he/she provides the certificate. (Health and Safety Code [121495](#); [22 CCR 41315](#), [41327](#))

c. Whenever the local health officer so orders, a student may be required to complete an additional examination and provide another certificate indicating that he/she is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code [121485](#))

d. At the discretion of the local health officer, the district may admit a student without a certificate if he/she is undergoing or has already undergone preventive treatment for tuberculosis infection or treatment for tuberculosis disease. ([22 CCR 41319](#))

3. Whenever the Superintendent or designee suspects that a student who has not been examined for tuberculosis either has the disease or has been exposed, he/she shall immediately report by telephone to the local health officer. When required by the local health officer, the district shall exclude the student from school until he/she is certified to be free of communicable tuberculosis. ([22 CCR 41329](#))

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of any student's tuberculosis examination as part of the student's mandatory permanent student record. ([22 CCR 41323](#))

(cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)

The Superintendent or designee shall annually file a report with the local health department on the results of tuberculosis examinations for all individuals required to complete such examinations in accordance with item #2 above, including, but not necessarily limited to, the number of individuals unconditionally and conditionally admitted and the number of individuals exempted on the basis of their personal beliefs. ([22 CCR 41325](#))

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[48213](#) Prior parent notification of exclusion; exemption

[49451 Parent's refusal to consent to health examination](#)

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

[120230 Exclusion of persons from school when residence is in isolation or quarantine](#)

[121365 Duties of local health officer re: tuberculosis control](#)

[121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students](#)

[124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program](#)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[202 Exclusion of students with contagious disease](#)

[432 Student records](#)

[3030 Eligibility for special education; tuberculosis that adversely affects educational performance](#)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

[41301-41329 Tuberculosis tests for students](#)

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Lung Association: <http://www.lung.org/lung-disease/tuberculosis>

California Department of Public Health, Tuberculosis Control: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/tb>

California Tuberculosis Controllers Association: <http://www.ctca.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tuberculosis: <http://www.cdc.gov/tb>

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