

IMMUNIZATIONS/PHYSICAL EXAMS

Westlake Charter School (WCS) will adhere to all laws related to legally required immunizations for entering students pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 120325-120375, and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Section 6000-6075.

Required Immunizations, Records and Reports

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at Kindergarten through 12th Grade and all students advancing to 7th Grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization. Personal belief exemptions are no longer permitted as of January 1, 2016. Personal belief exemptions submitted before January 1, 2016 are valid until the child enters Kindergarten or 7th Grade.

Students entering Kindergarten who are not exempt will need the following immunizations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td) — Five (5) doses Polio (OPV or IPV) — Four (4) doses
- Hepatitis B (Hep B) — Three (3) doses
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) — Two (2) doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox) — Two (2) doses

These immunization requirements apply to new students for all grades.

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

- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) — One (1) dose
- Varicella (Chickenpox) — Two (2) doses

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 Varicella.

WCS shall admit any student whose parent or guardian has provided documentation of any of the following for each immunization required for the student's age or grade as defined above:

- Receipt of immunization.
- A permanent medical exemption in accordance with 17 CCR section 6051.
- A personal beliefs exemption (filed prior to January 1, 2016) in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 120335.

Verification of immunizations will be completed with written medical records from the student's doctor or an immunization clinic, as noted above. Immunization records shall be part of the mandatory permanent pupil record and shall be kept in accordance with WCS' record-keeping policy. WCS will file a written report on the immunization status of all new entrants to WCS 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 (such as Mexico, the Philippines, India or Southeast Asia) MUST contact the County Tuberculosis Clinic for a TB Screening upon return.

WCS 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 WCS’ 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 WCS 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, WCS 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, WCS shall exclude this student from attendance. The student shall remain excluded from the WCS campus until he/she is fully immunized. The student shall also be reported to the Operations Manager, or designee.

The Executive Director, or designee, may arrange for qualified medical personnel to administer immunizations at WCS 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 campuses 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 Operations Manager, or designee, shall notify the student’s parents/guardians of the date(s) by which the student must complete all the remaining doses.

WCS shall conditionally admit any student who lacks documentation for unconditional admission if the student has:

- Commenced receiving doses of all the vaccines required for the student’s age or grade and is not currently due for any doses at the time of admission; or
- A temporary medical exemption from some or all required immunizations in accordance with 17 CCR section 6050.

Continued attendance after conditional admission is contingent upon documentation of receipt of the remaining required immunizations. WCS shall:

- review records of any student admitted conditionally to WCS at least every 30 days from the date of admission,
- inform the parent or guardian of the remaining required vaccine doses until all required immunizations are received or an exemption is filed, and
- update the immunization information in the student’s record.



If a student conditionally admitted fails to fulfill the conditions of admission, WCS will prohibit the student from further attendance until that student has been fully immunized as required by law.

Documentary Proof

The Operations Manager, or designee, 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:

- 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.
- Students who are enrolled in a home-based private school 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 WCS, shall be allowed to enroll at WCS without being fully immunized until the student enrolls in the next grade span pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 120335(g);
 - "Grade span" means each of the following:
 - Birth to Preschool
 - Kindergarten and Grades 1-6, inclusive, including transitional kindergarten
 - Grades 7-12, 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.

Physical Examinations:

All students are to have completed a health screening examination on or before the 90th day after the student's entrance into 1st Grade or such students must have obtained a waiver pursuant to Health and Safety Codes sections 124040 and 124085. This examination can be obtained from your family physician or possibly through the services provided by your County Health Department. Information and forms are distributed to students enrolled in Kindergarten.

Parent failure to obtain an examination for a student or a waiver will result in the student being denied enrollment.



If a student's medical status changes, please provide WCS with a physician's written verification of the medical issue, especially if it impacts in any way the student's ability to perform at WCS.

Dental Examinations:

Students enrolled in kindergarten in a public school or while enrolled in first grade if the student was not previously enrolled in Kindergarten in a public school are required to have an oral health assessment completed by a dental health professional by May 31 of the school year. Assessments that have happened within the twelve (12) months before a child enters school also meets this requirement. An Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request form can be picked up at the WCS office to be brought with your child to the dental office.