

DAILEY ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL
HEALTH EXAMS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

The Morris E. Dailey Elementary School (“Charter School” or “Dailey”) Governing Board, Fresno Innovative Charter Schools, Inc. (“FICS”) adopts the following policy regarding health examinations and immunizations.

Health Examinations

Health Examination Certificates or Waivers

On or before the 90th day after a student’s entrance into first grade at Dailey Elementary Charter School, all students must provide a certificate approved by the California Department of Health Services documenting that within the prior eighteen (18) months, the child had received the appropriate health screening and evaluation services as provided by Health & Safety Code section 124040. Alternatively, the student must provide a waiver signed by the student’s parents/guardians indicating that they do not want or are unable to obtain the health screening and evaluation services for their child. If the waiver indicates that the parents/guardians are unable to obtain services for the child, the reasons why should be included in the waiver. If the student fails to provide the required documentation, the student will be excluded from Charter School for not more than five (5) days. In limited circumstances, up to five (5) percent of Charter School’s first grade enrollment may obtain exemptions from exclusion if Charter School contacts the student’s parents/guardians at least twice before the 90th day after entrance to the first grade and they refuse to provide either a certificate or waiver. These exemptions shall only be used in extraordinary circumstances, including, but not limited to, family situations of great dysfunction or disruption, including substance abuse by parents or guardians, child abuse or child neglect.

Health Examinations by the Charter School

The FICS Board recognizes that periodic health examinations of students may lead to the detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning. Health examinations also may help in determining whether special adaptations of Charter School’s program are necessary.

A parent/guardian may file annually with the Charter School’s Executive Director a statement in writing, signed by the parent/guardian stating that the guardian will not consent to a physical examination of their child. The student will thereafter be exempt from physical examinations, but if there is good reason to believe that the student is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, the student will be sent home and not be permitted to return to school until the Charter School Executive Director is satisfied that any contagious or infectious disease does not exist.

The Charter School shall conduct health examinations of students as needed to insure proper care of the students.

Vision and Hearing Tests: Upon first year of enrollment in the Charter School and at least every third year thereafter until the child has completed the eighth grade, the Charter School shall test the student's vision. The vision test shall include tests for visual acuity and color vision, although the color vision shall be appraised once and only on male students, the results of which shall be entered in the health records and need not begin until the student is in first grade. Each pupil shall be given a hearing screening test in kindergarten or first grade and in second, fifth, eighth, tenth or eleventh grade and first entry into the California public school system. Classroom teachers are responsible for continuous observation of the appearance, behavior and complaints of students that might indicate vision or hearing problems.

The vision evaluation may be waived by the parents/guardians if they present a certificate from a physician and surgeon or an optometrist setting out the results of a determination of the child's vision, including visual acuity and color. Parents/guardians may also avoid the testing and observation if they file with the Charter School Executive Director a statement in writing that they adhere to the faith or teachings of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and in accordance with its creed, tenets or principles depend for healing upon prayer in the practice of their religion.

Immunizations

To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the FICS Board desires to cooperate with state and local health agencies to encourage immunization of all students against preventable diseases.

Admission:

The Charter School adheres 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.

California law requires that an immunization record be presented to Charter School before a child can be unconditionally enrolled in school. Entering students who are not exempt must provide Dailey written verification from a doctor or immunization clinic of the following immunizations:

Required Immunizations, Records, and Reports:

Child's Grade	Immunization	Dosage
TK/K-12 ¹	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
Entering Grade ²	7 th Tetanus, reduced Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis (Tdap)	One (1) dose
	Varicella	Two (2) Doses

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 Educational Records and Student Information Policy. Dailey will file a written report on the immunization status of all new entrants to Dailey with the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") 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.

Conditional Admission:

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 or designee shall notify the student's parents/guardians of the date by which the student must

¹ **NOTE:** Four doses of DTaP are allowed if one was given on or after the fourth birthday. Three doses meet the requirement if at least one dose of Tdap, DTaP, or DTP vaccine was given on or after the seventh birthday (also meets the 7th-12th grade Tdap requirement.) One or two doses of Td vaccine given on or after the seventh birthday count towards the requirement. 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. Two doses of measles, two doses of mumps, and one dose of rubella vaccine meet the requirement, separately or combined. Combination vaccines (e.g., MMRV) meet the requirements for individual component vaccines.

² **NOTE:** In order to begin seventh 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 the TK/K-12 grade levels (i.e., polio, MMR, chickenpox/varicella and primary series for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), **in addition to** the seventh grade requirements for Tdap (at least one dose of pertussis-containing vaccine on or after the seventh birthday) and two (2) doses of Varicella (varicella requirement for seventh grade advancement expires after June 30, 2025).

complete all the remaining doses. The Executive Director or designee shall review the immunization record of each student admitted conditionally at least every thirty (30) days from the date of admission until that student has received all the required immunizations or submitted a valid exemption. If a student conditionally admitted fails to fulfill the conditions of admission, the Charter School will prohibit the student from further attendance until that student provides proper documentation of the student's compliance with the immunization requirements as required by law.

Charter School shall immediately admit a foster child, as defined in Education Code Section 48853.5(a), and a homeless child, as defined in Section 11434a(2) of Title 42 of the United States Code, even if the foster or homeless child's 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 the Charter School discovers that an admitted student who was previously believed to be in compliance with the immunization requirements is subsequently discovered to not be in compliance with either the unconditional admission requirements or the conditional admission requirements, Charter School will notify the student's parent/guardian of: 1) the time period within which the doses must be received, which may be no more than ten (10) school days after notification; and 2) that the student shall continue in attendance only if the parent/guardian provides documentation that the immunization requirements have been met within the time period designated by Dailey. If, the student does not provide documentation of having received all required immunizations within the time period designated by Dailey, the Charter School shall exclude the student from attendance. The student shall remain excluded from Charter School until the student provides proper documentation of the student's compliance with the immunization requirements as required by law. The student shall also be reported to the school's Executive Director.

If there is good cause to believe a student has been exposed to a disease listed in Health and Safety Code Section 120335(b) and the child's documentary proof of immunization status does not show proof of immunization against that disease, that student may be temporarily excluded from Charter School until the local health officer is satisfied the student is no longer at risk of developing the disease.

Exemptions from Immunization Requirements:

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

1. Students who show proof of a medical exemption by a physician licensed to practice medicine in California pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 120370-120372.
 - a. The CDPH standardized medical exemption form shall be the only documentation of a medical exemption that Dailey shall accept.

- b. Dailey shall not unconditionally admit or readmit, or admit or advance any student to 7th grade, unless the student has been fully immunized or files a CDPH standardized medical exemption form as required by law.
 - c. Medical exemptions remain valid until the earliest of: 1) the child's enrollment in the next grade span, as defined below; 2) the expiration date specified in a temporary medical exemption, which shall not exceed one year; or 3) revocation of the exemption pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 120372.
 2. Students who are enrolled in a home-based private school or independent study program and do not receive any classroom-based instruction.
3. Students who, prior to January 1, 2016, submitted a letter or affidavit on file at a public or private elementary or secondary school in California stating beliefs opposed to immunization, and who provides said letter or affidavit to Charter School, shall be allowed to enroll in Charter School without being fully immunized until the student enrolls in the next grade span, as defined below, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 120355(g);

“Grade span” means each of the following:

- Birth to preschool,
- Kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, inclusive, including transitional kindergarten,
- 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 California Education Code Section 56026 from accessing any special education and related services required by his or her IEP.

The Executive Director, or designee, may arrange for a licensed physician or a qualified registered nurse to administer immunizations at Charter School to any Student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing.