

SIERRA-PLUMAS JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent:

Is your child ready for the adventure of school this fall? Childhood diseases such as measles can spread quickly between school children. That is why children must be protected by immunizations to go to school in California. A number of immunizations are required by law. Now is the time to make sure your child has received all of them.

WHAT YOU NEED:

At registration you will need an immunization record showing that your child has received all the required immunizations. This record may be: (1) the California Immunization Record; or (2) another immunization record, form or letter from your doctor with the date each immunization was given to your child. check your baby books and files now. You may need to call your doctor or clinic to complete this list.

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS:

Check your child's Immunization Record against the required immunizations shown below:

IMMUNIZATION GUIDE FOR A TYPICAL CHILD OF KINDERGARTEN AGE

Vaccines	Number of Doses Required
Polio	<u>Four Doses.</u> (Only three doses if third dose was after second birthday.)
DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis/Whooping Cough, Tetanus)	<u>Five Doses.</u> (Only four doses if fourth dose was after second birthday.)
Hepatitis B	<u>Three doses.</u> (For Kindergarten entry only.)
MMR: (Measles, Mumps, Rubella (German Measles))	<u>Two Doses.</u> (For kindergarten entry.) <u>One Dose.</u> (For Grades 1-12 and second dose is recommended.)

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Has your child received all of these required immunizations? If not, make an appointment with your doctor or county health department's immunization clinic. Take your records with you to this appointment. Take care of immunizations **NOW!** Your child may attend school only if these immunization requirements are met.

EXEMPTIONS - MEDICAL AND PERSONAL:

There are two types of exemptions allowed by the California School Immunization Law. Your child may be exempt because of a medical condition. If so, you must present a statement signed by your doctor stating the medical problem, which immunizations your child cannot receive, and if the medical problem is temporary or permanent. The school will keep this statement in its files. If immunizations are against your personal or religious belief, you must sign a statement to this effect at school. If your child is exempt and there is a disease outbreak, the school may be ordered by the Health Department to temporarily exclude your child for his/her protection.

CHDP REQUIREMENT:

Another requirement is that your child have a health check-up sometime in the 18 months before he/she enters first grade. This is a Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) requirement. The check-up before entering kindergarten, when immunization boosters are needed, will save time. It provides an opportunity to take care of both requirements at the same time. CHDP providers offer the check-up and needed boosters free to lower income families. You can get forms and other information at your child's school.