

CVUSD Board Policy

BP 5141.26

Students

Tuberculosis Testing

The Governing Board recognizes that tuberculosis poses a public health threat. Treatment of active cases of this disease is the most effective means of controlling its spread.

Note: Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 121485, districts may require tuberculosis testing of students prior to admission only in conjunction with the County Health Officer's determination that such testing is warranted. The following paragraph is for use by such districts.

The number of tuberculosis cases in our county is on the rise. The County Public Health officer therefore requires tuberculosis testing, and follow-up if appropriate, before students enter school.

Note: Health and Safety Code 121485-121505 provides for the exclusion of children reasonably suspected of having active tuberculosis.

The Superintendent or designee may require a tuberculosis skin test when qualified medical personnel reasonably suspect that a student has active tuberculosis. If there is an outbreak of tuberculosis at any school, the Superintendent or designee may require all students at the school to undergo tuberculosis skin tests.

Note: A child may be exempt from the tuberculosis examination if it is contrary to his/her beliefs. The child's parent/guardian or custodian must provide the school with an affidavit stating that the required examination is contrary to the child's beliefs. If there is probable cause to believe that such a child has active TB, he/she may be excluded from school until the Board is satisfied that he/she is not so afflicted. (Health and Safety Code 121505)

Students known to have had a positive tuberculosis skin test shall be excluded from school until they provide evidence of a follow-up x-ray and appropriate medical care or are no longer suspected of having active tuberculosis.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

All district staff shall receive information on how tuberculosis is spread and how it can be prevented and treated.

(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy

49451 Parent's refusal to consent

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120875 Providing information to school districts on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions and Hepatitis B

120880 Information to employees of school district

120230 Exclusion of persons from school

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

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