

DRAFT - Board Policy 6145.1 - Student Vaccination Requirement for Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Abstract - At its August 26 Board meeting, the Board of Trustees directed staff to prepare a draft Board Policy requiring students who wished to participate in any extracurricular activity to be vaccinated or apply for a waiver to this requirement based on a medical or religious reason for the Board's consideration. A draft version of this Board Policy is attached and approval is requested.

Student Vaccination Requirement for Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Rationale: Student health, and the health of the larger community is one of the Board of Trustees' highest priorities. Higher vaccination rates among all community members is a path to better health outcomes for those who are exposed to the virus. Participation in extracurricular activities on a high school campus is not part of a Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) and students can be excluded from extracurricular activities. Given California and San Mateo County health mandates require unvaccinated students to quarantine after close contact with a person with COVID-19 and they cannot participate in extracurricular activities during the quarantine period. This year, extracurricular activities, where there have been COVID cases, unvaccinated students and their need to quarantine has caused disruption and loss of experiences for many students and their teams.

Requirement: Students who participate in any extracurricular activity (as defined as activities not tied to a class in which a student earns a grade or part of whole school or class activities) must be vaccinated or submit a waiver request based on medical or religious reasons. Any student who has not received their first dose of the vaccine by September 20 will be removed from the activity.

Required vaccination Status: completed both doses of the vaccination or the single dose of Johnson & Johnson

- Verification will be required if not already submitted to Aeries Parent Portal or via the site Health Aide.

Exceptions: Verified medical exemption or religious exception