

## **Draft Board Policy - BP 6145.1**

### **Student COVID-19 Vaccination or Testing Requirement for Participation in Extracurricular Activities**

**Rationale:** Student health, and the health of the larger community is the Board of Trustees' highest priority. COVID-19 vaccines are effective in reducing infection, serious disease, hospitalization, and death. Unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus, which is transmitted through the air. Current CDPH K-12 guidance strongly recommends vaccination for all eligible individuals, thereby reducing COVID-19 rates throughout the community, including in the District's schools and facilities.

Weekly COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated students will help to identify positive cases. At present, unvaccinated students are not required to test unless they are exposed to a positive COVID case. Requiring negative COVID test results from unvaccinated students within 48 hours of an extracurricular meeting or event would reduce transmission.

California and San Mateo County health mandates require unvaccinated students to quarantine if they are a close contact, (defined as anyone who was within 0-6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period), and they cannot participate in extracurricular activities during the quarantine period. This year, unvaccinated students and their need to quarantine has caused disruption and loss of extracurricular experiences for many students and their teams.

**Requirement:** Students who participate in any extracurricular activity, (as defined in Education Code section 35160.5), must: (1) be fully vaccinated; or (2) submit weekly negative COVID test results as recommended by the CDC and approved by the Food and Drug Administration. COVID tests must take place within 48 hours (ideally 24 hours) of a contest or in-person activity.

Students may take part in free testing at any of our school sites, at venues in the community (see [here](#) for community testing locations and appointments), through their private health care providers, or using a home test.

This policy will take effect on Monday, October 4, 2021.

**Required Vaccination Status:** To be considered fully vaccinated, the student must receive, at least 14 days prior, either the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

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

Exceptions: Verified medical or sincerely held religious belief exemption