



Board of Education

Vaccine Mandate

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/19

*To Establish the Vaccine Requirement
for All Eligible Lynwood USD Students*

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District (Lynwood USD) intends for all children to be able to attend school for full in-person learning, five days a week, during the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood USD is relying on layered strategies to help combat COVID-19 and virus variants (COVID-19) so that students can learn in school buildings, including but not limited to, vaccination, masking, social distancing, hand hygiene, on site COVID-19 testing, and quarantining/isolating; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood USD has stressed the importance of and helped to facilitate access to the COVID-19 vaccination for employees, families, and age-eligible students, and partnered with the St. John's Well Child & Family Center to make COVID-19 vaccinations available to all School District employees starting in February 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Pfizer vaccine has been fully authorized for use by the FDA for individuals 16 years old and over, and the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have emergency use authorization for individuals 12 years old and over; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend COVID-19 vaccination for all children and adolescents 12 years old or older who do not possess contraindications to the vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recognizes that the Covid-19 vaccine is a critical prevention measure to ending the COVID-19 pandemic, and that virus transmission between unvaccinated persons is the primary cause of continued spread; and

WHEREAS, during the months of August and September 2021, there was a surge in the cumulative number of child COVID-19 cases in the U.S. since the beginning of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, available data indicates that an estimated 60.1% of students aged 12-18 in Lynwood USD have been vaccinated for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2021, Governor Newsom directed the California Department of Public Health to add the Covid-19 vaccine to the list of immunizations required for public school admission under Health & Safety Code section 1203235; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Education Code, it is within the authority of the Board of Education of Lynwood USD to adopt and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem appropriate regarding the management of its school affairs, which include prioritizing efforts to promote the health and safety of students and staff against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood USD and the Board of Education have consulted with pediatric health experts and relied on available information regarding relative risks and benefits of mandating the COVID-19 vaccine, including the benefits to children of being in school for full in-person learning; the disease prevention and mitigation benefits from, and safety and efficacy of, the COVID-19 vaccine; and considerations of equity for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, while Lynwood USD and the Board of Education recognize that students and staff may be exposed to COVID-19 outside of the educational setting, the risk of exposure in the school setting is expected to decrease as the number of persons who are vaccinated increases, and reducing exposure to and the incidence of COVID-19 is expected to result in fewer missed days of school and more in-person learning days for children and staff and, consequently, improved student achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby delegates the authority and directs the Superintendent, or his designees, to:

- (i) develop and implement a mandatory vaccination plan through which all Lynwood USD students, upon FDA approval of a vaccine for their age-range, will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and to submit appropriate proof of full vaccination status to Lynwood USD;
- (ii) until students become eligible to receive a vaccine that has been fully approved by the FDA, develop and implement a vaccination recommendation plan through which all Lynwood USD students who are eligible to receive a vaccine that has been granted emergency use authorization by the FDA will be encouraged to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and to submit appropriate proof of full vaccination status to Lynwood USD;
- (iii) develop and implement a process for submission to and consideration by Lynwood USD of appropriate requests for exemption from the vaccination requirement and potential accommodations, which may be based on certain documented medical circumstances;
- (iv) enlist Lynwood USD partners to help support and promote the vaccine mandate; and
- (v) develop and carry out appropriate strategies to reach full vaccination compliance, which may involve, but are not limited to, targeted communications, access to accurate scientific information, ease of access to the vaccine, vaccine mandate compliance incentives, and/or independent study alternatives for students who do not timely comply with the vaccination requirement and/or submit appropriate documentation of vaccination status.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the October 14, 2021, meeting of this Board.

Passed and adopted by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on October 14, 2021.

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