

Board Policy 6145.1

**Potential Student Vaccination and/or Testing Requirement for
Participation in Extracurricular Activities**

October 28, 2021

Background - Board Policy 6145.1

At its October 14 meeting, the Board asked staff to bring back a policy mandating either COVID-19 vaccinations or weekly testing for students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Rationale

- The District's first priority is to keep students safe and keep schools open
- Unvaccinated people are more likely to become infected, become hospitalized, die from the disease, and spread it to others
- To date, the District's actions have helped prevent community spread of the virus. We want to support this trend moving forward
- The District has an obligation to its students and families to do all it can to keep extracurricular activities occurring - no cancellations of games or performances
- Unvaccinated students are not currently required to test and, to date, most unvaccinated students are choosing not to test. This policy will mandate that unvaccinated students who participate in extracurricular activities must show they are free of the virus.

Note - The state mandate that all unvaccinated staff must be tested or vaccinated went into effect October 15.

The Draft Policy would require unvaccinated students participating in extracurricular activities to:

- Test **once weekly** and ideally within 48 hours of a contest or activity when possible.

We offer free weekly testing opportunities to ALL students at all school sites. Students can also test at community venues or with their private physician. See information about testing opportunities on our [website](#).

Weekly Testing Opportunities On Campus

	Aragon	Burlingame	Capuchino	Hillsdale	Mills	Peninsula	San Mateo*	Middle College
Location	Theater Lobby	Cafeteria	Main Gym Lobby	Room 808	Faculty Lounge	Cafeteria	BioTech Bldg	Room 12-201.1
Testing Dates Week of October 18 and moving forward:	Thurs 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Tues 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Weds 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Tues 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Weds 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Mon 7 - 10 a.m.	Mon 8 - 3:30 p.m.	Thurs 12 - 1 p.m.

Clubs and activities during lunch will not be required to test

Testing would be required for unvaccinated students participating in athletics or extracurricular events **outside of the school day** and not part of a regular class. No testing needed for those attending lunchtime club meetings or other events during the school day.

Spectators at games and plays do not need to test

- We are not proposing to test or check the vaccination status of spectators at our events.
- This aligns with what other similarly-sized school districts are doing.
- We are not hosting “mega-events” (as defined by the state as being 1,000 attendees for indoor events or 10,000 attendees for outdoor events. The state recommends that attendees provide proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID test for “mega-events.”)

Managing Attendance at Extracurricular Events

- Show and go - for events with many participants (such as dances) - students will be asked to show vaccination status or proof of a negative test within that week
- For athletics with smaller groups - athletic trainers will manage testing and student list management
- For other extracurricular activities such as robotics and plays - health aides will support coach or play director

When will this take effect?

- Staff proposes that the policy take effect **Monday, November 15**.
- Students who are not vaccinated and do not opt to participate in weekly testing will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.