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Draft Policy on Student Vaccinations

For Board of Education Discussion on September 22, 2021

The text in [blue](#) is the current draft of a possible policy to require vaccinations for students in BUSD. This is not final policy language, and the Board has not yet scheduled a date to vote to approve a policy related to student vaccination.

This draft policy was discussed by the Board's Policy Subcommittee on September 2nd and 16th.

BP 5141.3 Students, Health Examinations

The Governing Board recognizes that periodic health examinations of students may lead to the detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning.

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All students who participate as cheerleaders, song leaders, or athletes in organized competitive sports shall first undergo and file with the district a current medical examination.

By January 3, 2022, all BUSD students aged 12 or over (other than BAS students) shall be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless the student has a documented medical or religious exemption. Students who are not fully vaccinated by that date shall be required to submit to weekly onsite COVID testing.

By January 3, 2022, all students aged 16 or over who participate at Berkeley High School as athletes, shall be fully vaccinated against COVID -19 in order to be eligible to participate in the sport, unless the student has a documented medical or religious exemption. There shall be no option for weekly testing as a substitute for vaccination in order to participate in athletics.

District staff shall develop a list of optional extra-curricular activities (such as prom) for which full vaccination will be required as a condition of in-person participation.

Effective January 3, 2022, proof of vaccination shall be required for attendance for any person aged 12 or over at any indoor Berkeley High athletic event.

By January 3, 2022, all Berkeley Adult School students shall be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, unless the student has a documented medical or religious exemption, as a condition of attending school in person. There shall be no option for weekly testing as a substitute for vaccination in order to attend school in person.

No student shall be deemed ineligible for any activity due to lack of access to the vaccine.

A student is "fully vaccinated" if two weeks have elapsed since their second dose of the vaccine.

The district shall develop procedures for evaluating medical or religious exemptions.