



# Redlands Unified School District

Special Services Department  
Educational Services Division

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

**Re: New immunization requirements for the 2016-2017 school year**

Under a new California law known as SB 277, beginning January 1, 2016 exemptions based on personal beliefs, including religious beliefs, will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required for entry into child care or school in California. This includes all vaccines required for kindergarten enrollment and the Tdap (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) booster required for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. Most families will not be affected by the new law because their children have received all required vaccinations. Personal beliefs exemptions on file for a child already attending child care or school will remain valid until the child reaches the next immunization checkpoint at kindergarten (including transitional kindergarten) or 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **Students will not be allowed to attend kindergarten or 7<sup>th</sup> grade without a current immunization record.**

**When enrolling your child to the district, you will be required to show proof of immunization.**

**If your child is currently attending the district and an updated record of immunizations is needed, you will receive more information from the district.**

Feel free to call Special Services with any questions or concerns (909) 307-5300.

For more information about SB 277, please see the Frequently Asked Questions available at:

<http://www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/>.

For more information about school immunization requirements and resources, please visit the California Department of Public Health's website at [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org), or contact your [local health department](#) or [county office of education](#).

Thank you for helping us to keep our children and community healthy!

Sincerely,

Redlands Unified School District  
Special Services  
Health Services Department