

Fortuna Union High School District & College of the Redwoods

Memorandum of Understanding regarding the exemption of Academy of the Redwoods students from College of the Redwoods COVID-19 vaccine mandate protocols for in-person high school classes during the 2021-2022 school year.

Note: All uses of the words "vaccine/s," "vaccination," "vaccinated," and "unvaccinated" pertain to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine only.

The Fortuna Union High School District ("FUHSD") and the College of the Redwoods ("CR") have agreed upon and maintained an educational partnership through annual MOUs facilitating the operation of Academy of the Redwoods ("AR"), an early college high school, on the CR campus since 2005.

The College of the Redwoods plans on implementing a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for all students (save for legitimate religious and medical exemptions) attending in-person classes at their Eureka campus during the 2021-2022 school year.

The COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine has been approved for 12-18 year old people by the Food and Drug Administration and recommended for 12-18 year old people by the California Department of Education ("CDE"), the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH"), and the Centers for Disease Controls ("CDC"), but not required.

The Academy of the Redwoods student body was anonymously surveyed regarding COVID-19 vaccination status. With a 76% response rate, 70% of AR students are fully vaccinated, 6% are partially vaccinated, and 10% plan on getting vaccinated in the next three months, for a total of 86% of AR students being vaccinated by the start of the 2022 Spring Semester. Projected out to the entire AR student body (173), up to a total of 25 students are estimated to be not vaccinated, declining to state vaccination status, or still considering vaccination when the 2022 Spring Semester commences.

The Fortuna Union High School District and the Academy of the Redwoods are committed to following, implementing, and enforcing all allowable COVID-19 safety protocols up to the most restrictive procedure outlined by any of FUHSD, CR, the Centers for Disease Control, the California Department of Education, the California Department of Public Health, and the Humboldt County Department of Public Health. Understanding that K-12 public education vaccine requirements are a serious consideration undertaken by the CDC, CDE and CDPH, and that the COVID-19 vaccine for 12-18 year olds has not been included in the regular CDPH vaccine schedule for K-12 public education, COVID-19 vaccination requirements are therefore considered an exception to AR's "most restrictive" approach to COVID-19 protocol adoption.

The College of the Redwoods has a range of online course offerings available throughout the 2021-2022 school year in which enrollment will not be conditioned upon COVID-19 vaccination status.

The Fortuna Union High School District and the College of the Redwoods mutually agree that in order to maintain the educational viability of the Academy of the Redwoods program and the graduation pathways of AR students, any COVID-19 vaccination requirements for in-person learning enacted by CR during the 2021-2022 school year shall be modified for AR students only. All AR students will be permitted to continue attending in-person AR classes at CR's Eureka campus regardless of vaccination status. However, any unvaccinated AR students taking CR classes during the Spring Semester of 2022 will be limited to online CR course offerings only.

The **Fortuna Union High School District**, under the auspices of the FUHSD Board of Trustees, agrees to:

1. Hold AR students to the utmost standard of COVID-19 safety protocols in regards to masking, CR administered health screenings, contact tracing, vigilant symptom monitoring, and sanitization.
2. Direct the AR Principal to inform the AR community that any unvaccinated AR students planning to register for CR classes in the Spring Semester of 2022 without a valid medical or religious exemption will be limited to online CR course offerings only.

The **College of the Redwoods**, under the auspices of the College President, agrees to:

1. Exempt Academy of the Redwoods students from any COVID-19 vaccination requirement for in-person learning specifically in AR exclusive classes on the College of the Redwoods Eureka campus during the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Honor any valid medical or religious vaccine exemptions carried by unvaccinated AR students that would allow them to attend in-person CR course offerings in the Spring Semester of 2022, understanding that COVID-19 testing requirements would thus be enacted.

This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect upon the signatures of the President of College of the Redwoods and the Superintendent of the Fortuna Union High School District. This MOU shall remain in effect for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have inscribed their names.

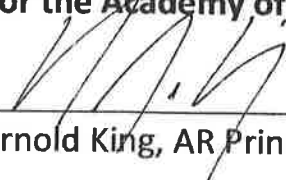
For the Fortuna Union High School District:



Glen Senestraro, FUHSD Superintendent

9/28/21
Date

For the Academy of the Redwoods:



Arnold King, AR Principal

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Date

For the College of the Redwoods:



Dr. Keith Flamer, CR President

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Date