



# Immunization Requirements for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Entry

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# Dear Parent/Guardian

Our records indicate you have a child about to enter the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about immunization requirements that affect all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade on or after the 2015-2016 school year.

The requirement is for one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine, for all children entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade who have not already received it.

**Please contact our office or your local health department to talk about which vaccines your child may need and to schedule an appointment to receive these vaccines.** This is a great chance to keep your child healthy with a yearly visit and to catch up on other recommended vaccines. Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is also recommended for adolescents. When you schedule your child's appointment to receive Tdap and meningococcal conjugate vaccines, let your health care provider know if you want your child vaccinated against HPV and other diseases as well. Information about these vaccines and the diseases they protect against can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/index.html).

Please remember to ask your health care provider for a copy of your child's immunization (shot) record. Your child will need to bring a copy of the shot record to the school on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Do not delay! Make sure your child is up-to-date on his/her immunizations prior to the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade school year!

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