

# REMINDER for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students: Mandatory Immunization Requirements

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services revised the administrative rules N.J.A.C. 8:57-4. **The changes include two new mandatory immunization requirements that effect students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

1. "Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six, shall have received one dose of **Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)** given no earlier than the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday."
2. "Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six, shall have received one dose of a **meningococcal-containing vaccine**, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine."

Parents are encouraged to make arrangements for children to receive these immunizations well in advance of September 2010. **Students who have not presented evidence of immunization will not be permitted to attend school.**

Documentation, signed or stamped by the health care provider, must be submitted to the school nurse prior to the first day of school. For information about these vaccines, parents may consult the following sources:

- Academy of Pediatrics  
[www.AAP.org](http://www.AAP.org)
- Center for Disease Control/Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices  
[www.cdc.gov/vaccines/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/)

Parents may also contact our school nurse if further information is needed.

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