

Important Reminder

Mandatory Immunization Requirements

Students Entering 6th Grade in September 2012

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services revised the administrative rules N.J.A.C. 8:57-4. **The changes include two mandatory immunization requirements that effect students entering 6th grade in September 2012.**

1. "Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of **Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)** given no earlier than the 10th birthday."
2. "Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008, 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 2012. 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. Mrs. Bowers, the Stonybrook school nurse, will accept immunization documentation through June 17, 2012. Mrs. Prall, the Pearl R Miller school nurse, will accept immunization documentation after that date.

For information about these vaccines, parents may consult the following sources:

- Academy of Pediatrics
www.AAP.org
- Center for Disease Control/Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
www.cdc.gov/vaccines/

Parents may also contact the school nurses if further information is needed.

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