

Dear Parents/Guardian of students entering 6th grade in September 2019:

There have been changes in the immunization requirements for school entry related to diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine as well as varicella that has taken effect. All incoming 6th graders need to have **proof of Tdap immunization, and a second varicella vaccination** as required by New York State, **prior to entering** school in September.

The pertinent information is listed below:

- Students who are 11 years of age or older when entering 6th grade must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap).
- 10 year old students who are entering 6th grade will **NOT** be required to receive Tdap vaccine **BUT** will be tracked by the school nurse and will be required to be immunized when they turn 11 years old. *Documentation MUST be in the Health Office within 14 days of their birthday*.
- Beginning July 1, 2014 all students entering 6th grade must have proof of a second varicella vaccination or physician documentation of disease.

Please make an appointment for your child to see his/her physician to obtain the required immunizations. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to obtain proof of immunizations. This proof needs to be presented to the school nurse **prior** to the start of the school year. **Without this documentation, your child will be excluded from school**. Please have your child's physician fill out this form and return to the Health Office by September 1.

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