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NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SIXTH GRADE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Jersey State Department of Health & Senior Services has adopted new immunization regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4) which became effective January 1, 2008.

The new requirements are effective for September entry into grade 6.

1) Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine (Tdap) – One Dose Needed.

This vaccine is for every child born on or after **January 1, 1997, AND** entering or attending **Grade Six**, or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade. This vaccine can not be given prior to the child's 10th birthday. A minimum of 5 years shall have elapsed from the last dose of DTaP/Td vaccine in order to receive this booster dose.

2) Meningococcal vaccine – One Dose Needed

This vaccine is for every child born on or after **January 1, 1997, AND** entering or attending **Grade Six**, or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade.

Completion of these immunizations is required before entrance to Grade Six in September.

If your child has been immunized and you have not provided documentation to the school nurse, please do so as soon as possible.

If you are uninsured contact your local health department to receive free immunizations.

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