

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be aware of the following immunization requirements that will affect your child as an incoming 6th grader in the 2017-2018 school year.

Below are the mandatory requirements for school entry per New York State Public Health Law 2164.

- ✓ **Students who are entering Grade 6 *AND* who are 11 years of age or older MUST receive a Pertussis booster in the form of a TDaP immunization.**

- ✓ **Students who are 10 years of age and entering 6th grade may attend school, BUT they must be immunized within 5 (five) days of their 11th birthday.**
- ✓ **Students who are entering 6th grade must also have proof of immunity to Varicella/Chicken Pox. One of the following must be submitted as proof:**
 - A note *from the doctor* saying that your child has had 2 (TWO) doses of Chicken Pox vaccine, **OR**;
 - A note *from the doctor* stating that your child has already had chicken pox the disease, with the DATE of disease, **OR**;
 - A note *from the doctor* indicating that a blood test proves that your child is immune to chicken pox.

Please check with your child's doctor to ensure that he/she meets these requirements prior to the start of the school year. We recommend that you *schedule an appointment with your child's doctor in a timely fashion, as summer is the busiest time for pediatricians.* The waiting period may be as long as 3 months!

*****NOTE: Students cannot begin 6th grade unless the Health Office receives the information required, as outlined above.**

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS TO THE HEALTH OFFICE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017