

Immunization Requirements for All Students Entering 7th Grade

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because you have a child that will soon be entering the 7th grade. As we approach summer break, I want to give you advanced notice of the current state health immunization requirements that will affect your 7th grade student.

Per State of Iowa law, all students entering 7th grade must provide proof of immunization for both the Tdap vaccine as well as one dose of Meningococcal vaccine before school starts in August, unless the student has a valid Certificate of Immunization Exemption. **There is absolutely NO grace or extension period for the implementation of this requirement.** Per law, any student who has not provided proof of receiving the vaccines or a valid waiver by the first day of school, will be sent home and will not be allowed to attend school until proof is provided.

Now is a great time for your child to receive these immunizations and beat the back-to-school rush. Scheduling these required immunizations along with your child's mandatory annual athletic physical over the summer is another great option. If you do not have insurance coverage for immunizations, you can take your child to a public health clinic for the required immunizations at no cost to you.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any questions or need any assistance in getting these requirements met prior to the 2019-20 school year. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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