

**Immunization Requirement for September 6th Grade Enterers**

Dear Parent/Guardian of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader,

June

Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

Students who are 10 years old and entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade will not be required to receive the Tdap until they turn 11 years old. At that time they must provide documentation of a booster dose of Tdap or provide proof of an appointment for the booster dose within 14 days.

There are 2 immunizations currently available:

- Boostrix® (licensed for use with 10 – 64 year olds)
- Adacel® (licensed for use with 11 – 64 Year olds)

The only two exemptions from this requirement are either:

- A medical exemption written by a physician
- A statement of religious exemption written by the parents/guardian of the student which must be approved by the superintendent or principal of the school

Attached is an information sheet about the Tdap vaccine and the diseases it prevents.

Thank you,

Lauralyn Kulpa, RN

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*I have read the letter sent home with my child, which outlines the New York State Department of Health's Tdap requirements for children who will enter 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall.*

**Please Sign and Return this page to the Nurse's Office**

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