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**NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

**New immunization requirements for children born on or after January 1,  
1997 and entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2011**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On January 7, 2008, new immunization laws were published for New Jersey. These new laws are part of Chapter 14 of the NJ State Sanitary Code, Immunization of Pupils in Schools.

If your child attends school and was born on or after January 1, 1997 and will enter the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2011, the following immunization requirements apply:

1. **One dose of Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the child's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

However, if in the past five years your child received a Td vaccine (tetanus) or Dtap (diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis vaccine for children less than 7 years old) at their doctor's office or in a hospital emergency room, *he/she will not need the Tdap vaccine until 5 years has passed.*

**By the first day of school in September 2011, you will have to provide your school nurse with either proof that your child has received the Tdap vaccine or proof that you child has had the Td or Dtap within the past 5 years. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from school until the immunization requirement is met.**

2. **One dose of meningococcal vaccine when the child turns 11 years old.**

**By the first day of school in September 2011, you will have to provide your school nurse with proof that your child has received a meningococcal vaccine or will have when 11 years old. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from school until the immunization requirement**

Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions about the new immunization requirements for school attendance.

Ellen Phelps, MSN APN  
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*A note from your health care provider with the month, day and year of each immunization must be sent to the school health office as soon as they are received.*