

7th Grade Mandatory Immunizations

Per guidelines on the Texas Department of State Health Services, there are immunizations that will be required for your student to enter 7th grade.

The immunizations that incoming 7th graders in Willis ISD will need are as follows:

1. Tetanus, Diphtheria and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap): All students entering the seventh grade will be required to have one dose of Tdap. Students in the seventh grade will be required to have a booster dose of Tdap only if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine.

2. Varicella Vaccine (Chicken Pox): All students entering 7th grade will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine. A written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator) or physician attesting to a child's positive history of varicella disease (chickenpox), or of varicella immunity, is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine.

3. Meningococcal Vaccine (Meningitis): All students entering 7th grade will be required to have one dose of quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine (Menactra, MCV4, Menveo, MenHibrix) .

Please ensure that your student's immunization record is up to date BEFORE entry into 7th grade.

Acceptable documentation includes a note from the doctor's office, an immunization card or an immunization record from a previous school. Month/day/year must be recorded for each immunization.

Documentation may be turned in to your child's present school nurse in person, via email or by mail. These steps must be taken prior to the first day of school.

Your student will be sent home the first day of school and unenrolled if their immunizations are not up-to-date and are delinquent.

All state requirements may be found at www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/