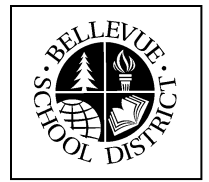




MISSING! Tdap Shot (vaccination/immunization) needed for Middle School



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Washington State law says that all students attending 7th grade must show proof of Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) shot (vaccination/immunization) for all children 11 years and older, or a signed exemption form. Please talk to your child’s doctor about a Tdap shot.

Please provide proof that your student received a Tdap shot, or exemption form, to your child’s middle school immediately, so your student will not be sent home from school.

Types of Documentation Allowed
Proof of shot received from a health care provider, with the name of the student, the date of the shot, and the name/signature or stamp of the health care provider.
-or-
Personal/Philosophical/medical exemption (needs health care provider signature) or religious exemption. Your student’s school nurse can give you the form. This form can also be downloaded from the Washington State Department of Health website.
-or-
Blood titer drawn showing immunity to tetanus and diphtheria and pertussis.

Also, there are two recommended (not required) shots you should talk with your student’s doctor about:

HPV: Human papillomavirus vaccine

Also known as the “cervical cancer vaccine”. All girls and women ages 9 through 26 years should be vaccinated with 3 doses of HPV vaccine, which is given over a 6 month period. Boys and men ages 9 through 26 years are also encouraged to be vaccinated with one of the HPV vaccines.

MCV: Meningococcal vaccine

All adolescents and teens ages 11 through 18 years should be vaccinated with MCV4. Booster doses are necessary for students who got their first dose of MCV4 before age 16.

Sincerely,

Your student’s school nurse