



Ridgewood Avenue School

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Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services have revised the administrative rules N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 creating substantial changes in immunization **requirements for all students entering into the 6th grade**. The mandatory immunizations follow:

1. **One dose of Tdap vaccine (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) no earlier than the 10th birthday.**
2. **One dose of Meningococcal vaccine (meningitis) by age 11.**
(there is a 4-day grace period for students that have late birthdays after the 1st day of school)**

An official doctors' appointment must be given to the nurse prior to the first day of school for your child to attend.

- You are being informed of this immunization requirement now to allow you sufficient time to have the immunizations completed **prior to the first day of school in September 2023.**
- If you choose to wait until mid-summer, you are at risk for doctors to be "OUT OF STOCK" and your child will not be able to attend school.
- Please consider immunizing as soon as possible to avoid any shortages.
- You must submit written documentation of these two immunizations by August 31, 2023, in order for your child to attend the first day of school.
- ****PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION AS SOON AS YOUR CHILD IS VACCINATED TO AVIOD POSSIBLE EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL.**
- **If proof of immunization is not received, your child will not be admitted to class on the first day of school.**

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this health requirement. Your cooperation will help to make your child's first day of 6th grade a smooth one. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sasha Lewis, RN, MSN

*Student Name: _____ Grade/HR _____

Tdap booster date: _____ Meningococcal Vaccine date: _____

***Physician's Signature:** _____

Physician's Stamp: _____ Date: _____