

East Brunswick Public Schools

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Dear Parents:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) require the following immunizations for every child born after January 1, 1997, and entering grade six in September 2010:

1. Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine

- ***Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six, or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the tenth birthday.***
- *Children entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008, who received a Td booster dose less than five years prior to entry or attendance shall not be required to receive a Tdap dose until five years have elapsed from the last DPT/DTaP or Td dose.*
- *Children born on or after January 1, 1997, and transferring into a New Jersey School from another state or country after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap, provided at least five years have elapsed from the last documented Td dose.*

2. Meningococcal Vaccine

- ***Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine. This vaccine must be given after the eleventh birthday.***
- *Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of meningococcal vaccine.*

Please send a copy of your child's immunizations (physician note or immunization card) to the school nurse at the elementary school if your child received the immunizations this year. The required documentation should be sent to the Hammariskjold School Nurses if your child receives the immunizations during the summer. This also applies to students who turn eleven years of age next year.

If your child is turning eleven prior to September 1, 2010, documentation of these immunizations is required prior to the start of school in September. Students who do not have the completed immunizations will receive an exclusion notice and will not be able to attend school until this requirement is met.

Sincerely,

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