

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 6TH GRADE

The following immunizations are required for sixth grade students in New Jersey schools. Documentation of vaccination must be provided to the school prior to the first day of school in September.

Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids, and Pertussis Vaccine

One dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10th birthday.

Children entering or attending grade 6 who received a Td booster less than five years prior to entry or attendance shall not be required to receive a Tdap dose until 5 years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTap or Td dose.

Meningococcal Vaccine

One dose of meningococcal containing vaccine. The preferred Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine, Menactra is given on or after the 11th birthday. Pupils that are 10 years old when entering 6th grade will not be required to receive the meningococcal vaccine until they turn 11 years of age. They will have to show documentation of receiving the vaccine within 2 weeks of their 11th birthday.

Please schedule a doctor's appointment for your child to receive the required vaccinations if you have not already done so. The appointment should be made for a date on or after your child's 11th birthday. Please provide the school with documentation of vaccination if your child has already received the vaccinations.