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Immunization and Physical Examination Requirements for Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian of **Fifth Grade Student**:

This letter summarizes the **school health requirements** for students who are or soon will be 11 years of age and will be entering 6th grade during the next school year.

Immunizations: New Jersey State Law and Cherry Hill School District require that children who are 11 years old and entering the 6th grade receive the meningococcal and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccines.

- Your child should receive these vaccines at their 11 year-old physical examination.
- Written documentation from your healthcare provider that your child received their immunizations should be submitted to me if your child turns 11 during the 5th grade year.
- **Children who are 11 years old and have not received these vaccines will be excluded from middle school until documentation of administration of these vaccines is received by the middle school nurse.**

Physical examinations: All middle and high school students who wish to participate in any sports activity are required to submit the NJ State Annual Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form. This is the only form that will allow your child to participate in sports in middle school. Parents need to complete page one and if needed page two of the Health History and your physician must complete page three and four of the Physical Exam. The examiner's portion of the form is valid for 365 days from the date of the examination. The entire form must be submitted to the school nurse for a student to participate in sports in middle school. You can access this form at: <https://www.state.nj.us/education/students/safety/health/records/athleticphysicalsform.pdf>

I encourage you to submit immunization documentation and physical evaluations to me as soon as possible. This information will be maintained in your child's school health record and given to the appropriate middle school nurse when student health records are transferred in June. This will make your child's school health transition easier as they begin their middle school years.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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