

Welcome Back Gator Students, Parents, Friends and Family!!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone as we embark on an exciting 2025-2026 academic year at Tanglewood, where students are “Leveling-Up” to new and exciting initiatives.

It is crucial to be informed about the following essential details regarding health and medical services:

1. **Immunizations** (or Affidavit /Exemption) All students must be **Vaccinated PRIOR to the 1st day of school.**
2. **Medical Condition/Diagnosis** (ADHD, Asthma, Diabetes, Food Allergy, Seizure, et.al.) that necessitates nursing intervention must submit SIGNED medical orders, DMMP, and/or action plans to the school nurse using approved HISD forms to ensure compliance with HISD policy.
3. **Dietary/Food Allergy** All students needing accommodations must provide SIGNED medical orders, allergy, and/or emergency action plan to the school nurse on official HISD forms.
4. **Physical Activity Restrictions** All students requiring accommodations **MUST** have a SIGNED letter from a healthcare provider to comply with HISD requirements.

This is a reminder to get your child vaccinated **before the first day of school.**

State law requires all students in Texas schools to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases to protect the health of both the children and the community.

To determine the specific vaccines required for your child’s grade level, please refer to the Texas State Vaccine Requirements for Students in Grades K-12. This document is available for viewing or downloading on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Section website at <https://dshs.texas.gov/immunizations/school>. If you are unsure of local locations that provide vaccines for your child, contact your health care provider, local health department or school nurse.

Without proper documentation of the required vaccinations or a valid medical or conscientious exemption, **students are not allowed to attend school.** If you have any questions about vaccines, please consult your health care provider or local health department.

To learn more, visit the DSHS Immunization Section website at www.ImmunizeTexas.com, call 800-252-9152, or email Immunization.Info@dshs.texas.gov. We appreciate your commitment to ensuring that your child is immunized and protected against vaccine-preventable illnesses. We wish you and your family a healthy and successful school year for 2025-2026!

Sincerely,

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