



Hammar skjold Upper Elementary School

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Dear Parent:

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) requires the following immunizations for every child born after January 1, 2014, and entering grade six.

Documentation of the immunizations listed below is required prior to the start of school in September. Students who do not have the completed immunizations may not receive their Hammar skjold schedule, and may be excluded from school. If your child turns 11 after the start of school, you may provide proof of an appointment within 2 weeks of their birthday. Follow-up documentation of the vaccination is then required.

1. Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine (Tdap)

- ***Every child entering Grade Six, or Special Education Program with an unassigned grade, shall have received one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the tenth birthday.***
- *Children entering or attending Grade Six, 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, 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 entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level Special Education Program with an unassigned grade, shall have received one dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine. This vaccine is given after the eleventh birthday but not earlier than age 10.***
- *Students transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country shall have received one dose of meningococcal vaccine.*

We ask that you attend to this matter immediately. Please send a copy of your child's immunizations (physician note or immunization card) or proof of an appointment to the following email: jzavec@ebnet.org. You can also drop off a copy in person to the main office during business hours: 7:30am – 3:30pm. If you have any questions, please call your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Russell Petronko
Principal