

NORTH SCOTT JUNIOR HIGH

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Joe Stutting, Superintendent We Are An Equal Opportunity Employer Chad Jones, Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian of **Incoming 7th Graders**,

The Iowa Department of Public Health **requires all students entering 7th grade have both the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis/whooping cough) booster and Meningococcal vaccination prior to starting 7th grade or a Certificate of Immunization Exemption Religious/Medical. These two vaccinations may be given on or after age 10 but prior to the first day of 7th grade to meet the state law requirements.**

The Tdap requirement requires a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis containing vaccine for students entering 7th grade. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe.

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings.

All students entering 7th grade must have proof of having **both** the Meningococcal and the Tdap vaccines **prior to the first day of school in August** or a Certificate of Immunization Exemption on file. Your elementary school nurse will send your child's health file and immunization record to me at the end of the school year.

There will be **NO GRACE PERIOD OR EXTENSION** for the implementation of this state law requirement. Now is a great time for your student to receive these immunization requirements and beat the back-to-school clinic rush by making their appointment now. You can email, fax or drop off your student's updated immunization record or exemption to your elementary nurse (before the end of the school year) or to me. jane.wilson@north-scott.k12.ia.us. JH Nurse fax 866-370-3617.

A completed physical form (enclosed) is required if your student will be participating in any extracurricular activity. The completed physical form needs to be uploaded into BOUND yearly. BOUND information is enclosed in this mailing. These state requirements must be completed prior to the first practice.

I look forward to having your student here at the Junior High. If you have questions, please contact me at 563-285-3410 or jane.wilson@north-scott.k12.ia.us.

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