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Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we want to remind families of Pennsylvania's school immunization requirements. Ensuring that students are up to date on required vaccinations helps protect the health and safety of all students, staff, and our community.

Under Pennsylvania law, students must meet the state's immunization requirements to attend school unless they have an approved medical, religious, or strong moral/ethical exemption as permitted by state regulations. Students who do not meet these requirements may be excluded from school until the required documentation or immunizations are provided. Proof of immunizations or a medical certificate must be submitted on or before the **fifth school day of attendance**. The fifth school day of attendance falls on **Friday, August 28, 2026**.

The requirements for the 2026-2027 school year are:

Children in ALL grades (k-12) need the following immunizations for attendance:	**7th through 12th Grade ADDITIONAL immunization requirements for attendance:**

• 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis* (1 does on or before 4th birthday)
• 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous does given)
• 2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella**
• 3 doses of hepatitis B
• 2 doses of varicella (chicken pox) or the disease
 	
**Usually given as DTap or DTP or DT or TD*
***Usually given as MMR*
	• 2 doses meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)
	  ○ First does is given 11-15 years of age, a second dose if required at age 16 or entry into 12th grade
	  ○ If the dose was given at 16 years of age or older, only one dose is required
	• 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

This school year, all Pennsylvania school districts are using the Pennsylvania Department of Health's new statewide immunization reporting platform. This secure system standardizes how student immunization records are maintained and reported across the Commonwealth, improving accuracy, consistency, and communication between schools and public health officials.

The success of this system depends on families providing complete and up-to-date immunization records. If your child receives additional vaccines, please submit updated documentation to your school's health office as soon as possible. Timely reporting helps ensure that student records remain accurate and allows schools to meet state reporting requirements.

If you are unsure whether your child meets Pennsylvania's immunization requirements, we encourage you to contact your child's healthcare provider or the school nurse before the first day of school. Addressing any missing immunizations early can help prevent delays in your child's attendance.

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Thank you for partnering with us to maintain a healthy learning environment for all students. We appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter and your continued support of our school community. For detailed information regarding the specific immunizations required and the accepted exceptions, please refer to the links below.

Immunization Overview (ENGLISH)

Immunization Overview (SPANISH)

If you have any questions regarding immunization requirements or need assistance submitting documentation, please contact your school's health office.

Brecknock Elem. - Mrs. Kim Maddaloni 610-775-5079
Mifflin Park Elem. - Mrs. Jill Kantner 610-288-0570
Middle School - Mrs. Reagan Jones 610-775-1465
Cumru Elem. - Mrs. Jen McElwee 610-775-5081
GMIS - Mrs. Casey Schaeffer 610-775-5083
High School - Mrs. Melanie Leinbach 610-775-5089

Thank you,

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Supervisor of Behavioral Mental Health