

Immunization Requirement for Students Entering 6th Grade in 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School immunization rules and regulations have been changed so that New York State immunization requirements are consistent with the most current childhood and adolescent immunization recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP is a group of medical and public health experts that develop recommendations on how to use vaccines to control diseases in the United States. These recommendations will lead to a reduction in the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases and an increase in the safe use of vaccines.

New York State Law Section 2164 requires certain immunizations (shots) to enter 6th grade and attend school. Please check with your health care provider as soon as possible to make sure that your child has all the needed immunizations. They are listed below. Your provider may administer either of the type of Tdap vaccine.

Required Immunizations for 6th Grade

Immunization	Number of Doses
Tdap: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boostrix® (licensed for use with 10 – 64 year olds)• Adacel® (licensed for use with 11 – 64 Year olds)	Age 10: Not required to receive the Tdap until they turn 11 years old. At that time they must provide documentation of a booster dose of Tdap or provide proof of an appointment for the booster dose within 14 days. Age 11: Must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap), within 14 days of turning age 11.
Varicella (chickenpox)	2
Polio	3 to 4

Thank you for your attention to these new immunization requirements.
If you have questions or concerns about immunizations, please contact the health office.

Thank you,

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