

Immunizations Are Needed to Attend 6th Grade Next School Year

Dear 5th Grade Parents,

As of the 2010 - 2011 school year, the Indiana State Department of Health has required additional immunizations for students in grades 6-12. Thus, these new requirements will apply to your current 5th grade student for next school year. Even though your student may be up to date for this school year, three additional vaccines are necessary for entry into 6th grade. Your child will be eligible for the immunizations when they are eleven years of age.

Thank you to the parents who have updated their child's immunization record already this year. If your child is not up to date, we highly recommend that you visit your child's health care provider to obtain the required shots as soon as they are eleven years old. Completing these immunizations during the school year is your best option as physician's offices and health departments are extremely busy during the summer months, especially in August, and may not have an appointment available for you. The new immunizations are as follows:

- Proof of 2 varicella (chickenpox) vaccines, parent written report of disease history, or physician laboratory evidence of immunity
- One meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine after the child's 11th birthday
- One Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) booster received after the child's 11th birthday

Please be aware that no student will be allowed to attend school in the fall unless these updated and complete records or MD note stating the scheduled immunization appointment date are on file in the nursing clinic. We highly recommend that these records be sent to your school nurse by May 31, 2012.

Sincerely,
HSE Schools