

RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION NOTICE

**RE: IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING
6TH GRADE IN SEPTEMBER.**

TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

The New Jersey Department of Health has issued a mandate in compliance with Chapter 14 New Jersey State sanitary Code (NJAC 8:57-4 to 8:57-4.19 "Immunization of Pupils in Schools"). **This mandate requires that all students born on or after January 1, 1997, entering Grade 6, as of September 2008, shall provide documentation of having received the following vaccines:**

- **One dose of Tdap vaccine (tetnus, diphtheria & pertussis) that has been given no earlier than their 10th birthday. However, if your child has received a Td booster dose less than five years prior to entry or attendance to sixth grade they shall not be required to receive a Tdap dose until five years have elapsed from the last DTP/DtaP or Td dose.**
- **One dose of Meningococcal vaccine (This dose is given at 11 yrs. or older)**

Please check with your child's physician to see if these immunizations were already given. If not, you need to make arrangements, as soon as possible, with your physician or with the Burlington County Health Department (if you meet their requirements) at 609-265-5526. Burlington County Health Department is located at Raphael Meadow Health Center, 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, New Jersey. Please contact the school nurse for the proper referral form to be faxed to the Health Department Immunization Clinic.

For those students who have received these vaccines please send, to school, a copy of a physician or health care facility immunization record verifying that these vaccines have been given. Documentation must include month, day, and year immunizations were given in addition to the physician's name, address, and phone number. **Documentation must be submitted to the Middle School Health Office, as soon as possible, but no later than September 1st in order to avoid your child from not being allowed to attend the first day of school in September.** Those students who will not be age 11 by the first day of school must provide proof, from your doctor, that you have an appointment on or shortly after your child's 11th birthday to receive these required immunizations.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter. If you have any questions please contact the school health office at 856-461-1255 ext. 1155.

Sincerely,



Michael Mongon
Middle School Principal