



## Immunization Requirements for Students Entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2014

3/26/2014

Dear Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian:

**Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2014-2015 School Year will require 2 additional immunizations:**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Varicella**

A health care provider's signed medical record indicating the student has had varicella disease or, has demonstrated serological evidence of antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity.

- **Tdap booster (described below)**

Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and who are 11 years of age or older must receive a second immunization (booster) containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

Students who are 10 years old and entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade will not be 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.

There are 2 immunizations currently available:

- Boostrix® (licensed for use with 10 – 64 year olds)
- Adacel® (licensed for use with 11 – 64 Year olds)

Students that have received 4-5 Dtap and have received a Dtap at/after age 7 will not require a Tdap booster at 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

*Written proof from a physician of receipt of these 2 immunizations is required to be presented to the District prior to entry into the school building for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade school year. This document may be received by either the Lenape, or MS Nurse.*

The only two exemptions from this requirement are either:

- A medical exemption written by a physician
- A statement of religious exemption written by the parents/guardian of the student which must be approved by the superintendent or principal of the school

Students attending New Paltz will not be allowed to attend school without written physician's proof of the required immunizations. (BOE policy #7511)

If you have any questions, please contact your physician, the Lenape Nurse, Maria Meoli, R.N. or the Middle School Nurse, Cynthia Dubois, R.N. at 256-4210.