

5th Grade Immunization Notice

Dear Parent or Guardian of a Current Fifth Grade Student:

Virginia Law requires that all students entering sixth grade receive a booster dose of the **Tdap** vaccine prior to the beginning of school. The Tdap vaccine protects against tetanus (lockjaw), diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) and is usually given around the age of eleven, although it can be given as early as seven years of age.

In order for your child to begin 6th grade you will need to submit one of the following documents before the first day of school. It is recommended that all paperwork is submitted to the school office by June 8, 2018.

Acceptable documentation can be one of the following:

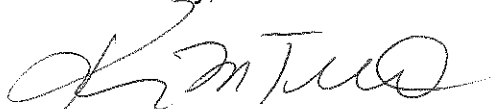
1. A copy of your child's immunization record showing the Tdap vaccine.
2. A note on a healthcare provider's letterhead stating the date the Tdap vaccine was given.
3. A healthcare provider's written statement of a permanent or temporary medical exemption.
4. A notarized Religious Exemption Form which is available online at: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/certificate_religious_exemption.pdf

The Tdap booster is available from your child's healthcare provider or The Fairfax County Health Department. The Health Department clinic locations and hours are available online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/hdclinicsite.htm>, or by calling 703-246-2411. Please note that students receiving immunizations at the Health Department must be accompanied by an adult, and should bring their immunization records with them.

For questions regarding immunization documentation, please contact the school registrar or school nurse at 703 913 6800.

Sixth grade students will not be allowed to begin school in August 2018 without submitting proper documentation.

Sincerely,



Karen M. Tuttle
Principal