



MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Current Fifth Grade Students,

In order for your child to attend 6th grade, two additional vaccinations are **required** (Tdap and Meningococcal). **Please have your physician complete the information below and return the form to the TJS health office as soon as the vaccines are received.** If your child has already turned 11 years of age and has not received the required vaccines, please contact your pediatrician for an appointment. For birthdays that occur during the summer months (late June, July, August), please return your completed form to the MJS nurse, Pauline Bliss, RN before the first day of school.

The New Jersey Administrative Code outlines the vaccine requirements for entry into 6th grade as follows:

1. N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10 requires children age 11 enrolled in grade six or transferring into a New Jersey school (any grade) from another state or country, receive **one dose of the tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine (given no earlier than the 10th birthday).**

Pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, has been occurring more frequently in adolescents and adults when immunity wanes. The infection produces a severe cough which can last for many weeks.

2. N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.20 requires children age 11 enrolled in grade six or transferring into a New Jersey school (any grade) from another state or country receive **one dose of meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine.**

Meningococcal disease, commonly known as meningitis, is a potentially fatal bacterial infection of the brain and spinal cord. The disease may cause permanent disability or death within hours of first symptoms. Vaccination is integral to prevention of illness.

Student Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

_____ 1. Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine
_____ 2. Meningococcal (Menactra) vaccine

Date Received _____
Date Received _____

Physician's Signature/Stamp: _____ Date _____

***Students turning age 11 after school begins must submit proof of immunization to the school nurse no later than 2 weeks after their 11th birthday.**