

Berkeley Heights Public Schools
Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has recently revised Chapter 14 N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 which mandates the following two new vaccines for **Grade 6 effective September 1, 2008.**

Grade 6

1. **Tdap vaccine** (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)
Beginning September 1, 2008, every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending Grade 6 **shall have received** one dose of Tdap given no earlier than the 10th birthday **and** five (5) years have elapsed from the last DTP/Dtap or td dose.
2. **Meningococcal vaccine**
Beginning September 1, 2008, every child born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering or attending Grade 6 **shall have received** one (1) dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine, such as the medically preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine. * *Please note: This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and attending Grade Six (6).*

Students must provide documentation of these immunizations from their Primary Care Provider **by the beginning of school in September 2008.** Therefore, we are requesting that your Primary Care Provider **complete the form below and return it to school nurse as soon as possible.**

If you have any questions regarding these new requirements, please feel free to contact your school's nurse by calling the school and selecting option 3. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION

STUDENT NAME _____ Date of Birth: _____
Teacher: _____

The above-named student has received:

1. Tdap booster on _____ (Month/Day/Year)
2. Meningococcal vaccine on _____ (Month/Day/Year)

Signature of Primary Care Provider

Print or Stamp of Primary Care Provider

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE