

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 6TH GRADE ENTRY 2009-2010

March, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians of Fifth Grade Students,

The Washington State Board of Health has adopted changes to the immunization requirements for students entering the sixth grade for the 2009-2010 school year. The **Tdap** immunization is a new booster that is given to children 11 years and older.

The following information is required:

1. **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) **vaccination date**
 - Required if it has been 5 years or more since the last **tetanus containing vaccine (DTaP, DT, or Td) AND the student is 11 years or older.**
2. **Varicella vaccination date OR approximate date or age of the actual chickenpox disease**
 - Varicella vaccine must be given on or after the child's first birthday

Your child may not be assigned to a sixth grade classroom until the new requirements are met.

Your child can meet these requirements by documenting the information in the box below. This information will be added to your child's Certificate of Immunization Status form when returned to school.

Thank you for completing and returning the information below, to the school office as soon as possible. Please return this form to your child's elementary school if the vaccinations are received before the end of fifth grade.

NAME OF CHILD: _____

1. My child received a **Tdap** vaccination on: ____/____/____
(month/day/year)

OR

My child received a tetanus containing vaccination **less** than 5 years prior to September 2, 2009, on: ____/____/____
(month/day/year)

2. My child received a **Varicella** vaccination on: ____/____/____
(month/day/year)

OR

My child had the Chickenpox disease at approximately _____ years of age.

OR

My child had the Chickenpox disease on _____.
(month/day/year)

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Community Resource: Spokane Regional Health District Immunization Clinic: 324-1600