



Foundation Academy

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Tdap and Meningococcal Immunization Requirements **Please Note: This applies to students turning 11 years of age and attending Grade Six as of September 1, 2010.**

Dear Fifth Grade Guardians:

This notice is to inform you that the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services have made changes to include the requirement of two new vaccines for Sixth Grade school attendance. The vaccinations include:

#1 Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Pertussis Vaccine

*Every child entering Grade Six **and** born on or after January 1, 1997 must receive one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis), given no earlier than his/her 10th birthday.

*Children entering or attending Grade Six who received a Td booster dose less than five years prior to entry or attendance are not required to receive a Tdap dose until five years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTap or Td dose.

#2 Meningococcal Vaccine

Every child entering Grade Six must receive one dose of a meningococcal containing vaccine.

An official school record, a record from any public health department, a certificate signed by your personal care physician, or a written religious exemption can be accepted as evidence of a student's immunization history. Immunizations can be provided free of charge for children that reside in the city of Trenton. If this is of interest to you, contact the Children's Health Services (989*3242, ext. 170).

Please be advised that attendance to Foundation Academy is conditioned upon you providing written documentation on or before **September 1, 2010 of the above mandated vaccines or exemption. Forward this documentation on or before **September 1, 2010** directly to the School Nurse, Susan Hanlon.** Thank you for your compliance and understanding. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (609) 920*9200.

Sincerely yours,
Susan Hanlon, R.N.
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