



New Immunization Requirements for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
Tdap booster and Varicella vaccine  
Gear UP for Middle School!

To: Parents and Guardians of current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students  
From: Your School Nurse

Greetings!

In just a few short months our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will end their time with us. We want to share information that will smooth their transition to middle school.

The Department of Health recently revised the list of vaccinations that are required to attend school in Washington State. Varicella, more commonly known as chicken pox, was added to the list of required immunizations. Beginning July 1, 2006, all children attending 6<sup>th</sup> grade are required to provide either the date of **Varicella** immunization or the approximate date of disease. In addition, as of July 1, 2007 all students, age 11 or older entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade must also show proof of a **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) if it has been 5 years since receiving a Dtap or Td vaccine.

Parents and guardians may complete the form at the bottom of this letter and send it to school. This information will be added to your child's immunization records. You may also choose to come to the school and sign the exemption form located on your child's immunization record.

Please submit this information as soon as possible. We want to ensure that every student's records are complete. Per law, students cannot attend school without this information in their record.



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*Please return completed form to the school*

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following:

- My child was vaccinated for Varicella (chicken pox) on \_\_\_\_\_ .
- My child has had chicken pox, she/he had it on \_\_\_\_\_ .
- My child was vaccinated for Tdap on \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I will come to the school to sign the exemption form located on the back of my child's immunization record.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_