



Jefferson Middle School
“Exposure to Excellence Promotes Excellence”



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we approach the end of a successful 2016-2017 school year, we start to consider the documentation needed for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Georgia's immunization requirements for children attending 7th grade have been revised. Effective in the 2014-2015 school year, 7th graders and new entrants into Georgia Schools grades 8th-12th, will be required to have Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and MCV (meningococcal conjugate) vaccines prior to entering school. Parents, please plan to have your child vaccinated well in advance of the start of the school year. To ensure that we are in full compliance with the law (official Georgia Code 20-2-771), 7th grade students must have these vaccines to avoid complications with student schedules and to help us ensure a safe and secure school environment for all students.

To fulfill this requirement, a valid certificate of immunization (Georgia Department of Community Health Form #3231) or a notarized statement of religious exemption (GA DCH Form #2208) is required for enrollment. The certificate of immunization must be completed by the health department or your private physician. A valid Form #3231 must be marked with either "Date of Expiration" or as "Complete for School Attendance." (A certificate marked with a "Date of Expiration" expires on the date indicated. A current certificate must be submitted within 30 days of expiration.)

A medical exemption, if applicable, should be noted on Form #3231 with a current date of expiration. You may request a form from your school for religious exemption.

Please review [immunization requirements](#) for students entering 7th grade and the Georgia Department of Community Health [TDAP-Meningitis parent fact sheet](#) for 7th grade students linked on the school website. To review, the new vaccine requirements apply to students who are born on or after 1/1/2002 AND entering 7th grade. The requirements also apply to students who are new entrants to 8th-12th grade. New entrants are students who have never attended any school in Georgia or have not attended any school in Georgia for at least one full school year.

Contact your health care professional or local health department to schedule the administration of any needed vaccinations for your child and to obtain a new/updated Certificate of Immunization (Georgia DCH Form 3231). If your child does not have health insurance or their health plan won't cover these vaccines, call your local health department and ask about getting no or low cost vaccines.

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Sincerely, Mr. Ken Martin