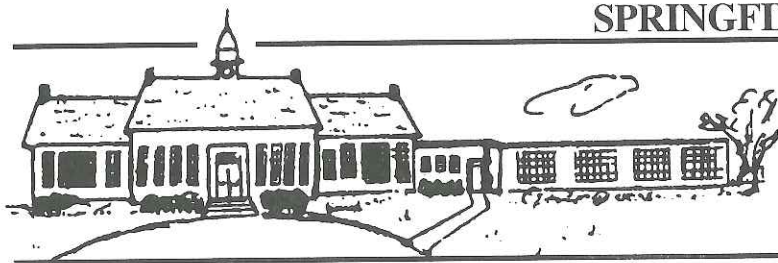


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MANDATORY SIXTH GRADE IMMUNIZATIONS

As of September 2008, sixth grade students in public and private schools are required to receive two additional vaccines:

- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap), and
- Meningococcal vaccine.

Students **will be excluded from school** if they do not get the required vaccines and do not have a valid medical or religious exemption.

More Information About the Vaccine Requirement

A student born on or after January 1, 1997 who is entering sixth grade must receive both the Tdap and meningococcal vaccines before the first day of school.

Students who are 10 years old when entering sixth grade are not required to get meningococcal conjugate vaccine (the preferred vaccine is Menactra) until they turn 11. Within two weeks of the 11th birthday, students must show documentation that they received the vaccine.

Tdap can be given at age 10, at the earliest, depending on the type of vaccine available through the child's health care provider. If the physician only carries Adacel, the child will not be required to get the vaccine until age 11. If Boostrix is available, the Department encourages that it be administered when the child is 10.

If your child has already received the mandatory vaccinations, please provide the health office with a copy. If you have any questions about the mandatory vaccinations, please feel free to call me.

In good health,

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