

Immunization and Exam Requirements for ALL WV 7th Graders

Attention Parents/Guardians of Students Entering 7th Grade

All West Virginia students **entering 7th grade** must have one dose of the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) and one dose of the Meningococcal vaccine. Students must also have a record of a Dental and Physical Exam before entering 7th grade, in accordance with West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2423.

Tdap: Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) – Pertussis is spread by coughing and sneezing. Anyone can catch Pertussis and spread it to others, including infants.

Meningitis – Poses a serious threat to adolescents. Meningitis can kill a healthy person in 48 hours or less. Up to 1 in 5 survivors of Meningitis have problems the rest of their lives, due to the loss of limbs, scarring, hearing loss and neurological damage.

Dental Exam – Please provide proof of dental visit within the last year, starting from August 2020.

Physical Exam – Physical exams should also have been completed within the last year, starting from May 2020. If your student will be playing a sport or participating in marching band, they are required to have a WVSSAC Sports Physical (available on SMS website) completed, the sports physical form can be submitted for this requirement.

Call your primary care physician to schedule a vaccine review, immunization and/or physical. If you do not have a primary care provider you may contact Jefferson County Health Department (304-728-8416) to schedule immunizations. Please schedule your vaccination appointments as soon as possible. If your student requires a sports physical, you may contact local Urgent Care Centers to have completed, if you do not have a primary care provider.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements for your student, please contact me at amy.papavero@k12.wv.us as soon as possible. Noncompliance with immunizations will require your student to be removed from school with unexcused absences.

Thank you,



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West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2423: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention requires that students starting 2nd grade, 7th grade, and 12th grade provide proof of a dental and physical examination.