

Tipton County Board of Education  
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To: Parents/Guardians of **Children entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Date: March 1, 2010

Subject: **NEW STATE IMMUNIZATION RULES AND CERTIFICATES**

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH) has issued new immunization rules and is issuing a new Official Certificate that is required for entry into school effective July 1, 2010. All newly required vaccines are routinely recommended for all children. Most children should have already received them.

- There will now be only **one** official TDOH certificate of immunization that must be filled out by medical providers for delivery to schools prior to entry of their child into pre-school, pre-k, kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, or as a new student. This form will only be available from a private healthcare provider or local health department.
- **Children entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, who are already enrolled**, must show proof of two new immunizations. See below.
- For 7<sup>th</sup> grade students already enrolled in Tennessee schools, only proof of the two new immunizations is required on the new immunization certificate.

*Summary: Tennessee Immunization Requirements (TDOH 1200-14-1-29)*

Children entering 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **New** immunization requirements:
  - ✓ Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis booster ("Tdap")
  - ✓ History of Chickenpox (varicella) **OR** 2 doses of vaccine)

If you have additional questions, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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