



Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of immunization requirements that will impact rising 7th grade students. Students entering 7th grade are now required to have one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine for individuals who have not already received those vaccines.

Please contact your health care provider or local health department if your child needs these vaccines. For additional information about the vaccines and diseases they protect against visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at **www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/index.html**.



You will have 30 calendar days from the first day of school to provide the required up-to-date immunization record for your child. If proof of vaccination is not provided by the end of the 30 calendar day period, your child will be suspended from school until they provide proof of immunization as required by law.



Please remember you will need to provide proof of immunization (i.e., Certificate of Immunization [shot record]) on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact Maren Modlin at mmodlin@beargrasscharter.org.

Sincerely,

Donna Moore

Principal

Important Information for Parents with Children Entering 7th Grade

New Immunization Requirements for School Entry Beginning July 1, 2015.

Children who start 7th grade on or after July 1, 2015 will be required to have vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to protect them from serious diseases. Students entering 7th grade will be required to have one dose each of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and meningococcal vaccines if they have not previously received these vaccines.

Thanks to the success of vaccines we don't see these diseases very often; however they do still exist and can cause serious illness, disabilities and even death. Don't let your child go unprotected. Vaccines are safe and effective. The most common side effects are pain and swelling at the site where the shot was given. Some people may experience a headache and fever. Serious reactions to vaccines are very rare.

Talk with your child's health care provider or the local health department about vaccines they may need to be protected and for school entry. This is a great chance to get your child to the doctor for a yearly health care visit.

Your child will have to provide proof of vaccination on the first day of school. Please remember to bring your child's shot record for school entry. You can get your child's shot record from his/her doctor or the local health department.

To learn more about these vaccines and the diseases they prevent visit the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines or the North Carolina Immunization Branch website at www.immunize.nc.gov.