



Dear Guardian/Parent,

There have been several changes made to the Texas State Immunization Law for the 2009-2010 School Year. The changes to the requirements were made in order to update the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements so that they adhere more closely to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These changes will eventually impact each and every student. However those students that will be impacted the most will be current 6th grade students. Your student's immunization records will need to be updated as soon as possible, so that all students will be in compliance with the new state regulations.

Tdap: Students must have one dose of Tdap for entry into 7th grade **IF** at least 5 years have elapsed since the last dose. For 8-12 grades, the Tdap is due ten years after last tetanus was administered.

Varicella: Two doses of varicella must be received after the first birthday. 7th grade is required and 8th graders is recommended.

Meningococcal: One dose is required for 7th graders.

The first day of school is Monday, August 24, 2009. Your child must show proof of immunizations **PRIOR** to picking up their fall schedule at Fowler Middle School. **Your child will not be able to pick up their fall schedule if there are any immunizations missing. There will be no exceptions made for any student that returns without a current shot record.**

Please send updated immunization records so that I can update their school records. Many of the children have already received these immunizations and we just don't have the copies in their files. You can either send the records with your children or you can fax them to me.

For more information regarding these changes you could go to the website www.immunizetexas.com.

Thank you for your attention in the matter and thank you to those who have already submitted the required records. Feel free to contact me anytime with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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