



Grade 6 Immunization Requirements

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) under Chapter 14 N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 mandates the following two vaccines.

1. Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, acellular Pertussis). Every child entering or attending Grade 6 shall have received one dose of Tdap given no earlier than the 10th birthday and five (5) years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.
2. Meningococcal vaccine Every child entering or attending Grade 6 shall have received one dose of meningococcal vaccine (Menactra or Menveo).

Parents must provide their child's COMPLETE IMMUNIZATION RECORD that includes these vaccines PRIOR TO ENTRANCE INTO SIXTH GRADE in September.

A 10-year-old entering sixth grade will not be required to receive these vaccines until they turn 11 years of age. The NJDOH requires the dose to be received within TWO WEEKS of the 11th birthday.

According to N.J.A.C. 8:57- 2, a principal, administrator, or person in charge of a school shall not admit or retain any child whose parents have not submitted acceptable evidence of immunizations.