

IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Health Services

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 6TH GRADE STUDENTS!

The Texas Department of State Health Services recently adopted **new immunization requirements for students entering the 7th grade** (Title 25 Health Services §§97.61; 97.63-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code). These new requirements went into effect March 5, 2009.

Beginning school year 2009-2010, students entering 7th grade will be required to have:

- **Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap)**
 - One (1) booster dose of vaccine if it has been at least 5 years since their last tetanus containing vaccine (Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists)
- **Meningococcal (Menactra) vaccine**
 - One (1) dose of vaccine
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine**
 - Two (2) doses of vaccine (History of disease accepted with signed physician statement or signed parent/guardian validation form)

In an effort to help your child meet the new immunization requirements for school attendance, our district will be hosting an Immunization Clinic on April 15th at Crockett Middle School and May 13th at deZavala Middle School from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost is free to those who qualify otherwise it will cost only \$5.00 for all needed vaccines.

You don't have to leave work and your child doesn't have to miss school.

According to the immunization record that we have on file for your child, he/she will be required to have the immunizations listed on the attached letter upon 7th grade entry.

Free Immunization Clinics

April 15th, 5-7p
Crockett Middle School
2431 Hancock, Irving, 75061

May 13th, 5-7p
deZavala Middle School
707 W. Pioneer, Irving, 75061

If you choose for your child NOT to participate in this opportunity, you MUST:

- Submit an updated immunization record for your child reflecting that he/she has received the vaccines required for 7th grade entry, to the school **no later than the start of school, 8/24/09. By law, students who are not fully vaccinated will be excluded from school attendance.**

Please feel free to contact me at _____ should you have any questions.

School Nurse

Principal