

Dear Parent Guardian of Incoming 6th Graders;

We are writing to inform you of the new changes in the immunization requirements for school attendance :

As of February 2014 the New York State Department of Health has revised the regulations regarding immunization requirements for school attendance effective July 1, 2014. The new dosing requirements are based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Students entering kindergarten or 6th grade in the 2014-2015 school year will now be required to have two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine and 3-4 doses of poliomyelitis vaccine. All other students will be able to attend school this year with one dose of varicella, and 3 doses or poliomyelitis. This new requirement will apply to all 2014-2015 incoming kindergarten and 6th grades students, along with the subsequent grade levels that the 2014-2015 kindergarten and 6th grade students move up to.

All students entering the 6th grade in September will have to present proof from their pediatrician of having 2 doses of the varicella vaccine. Students who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Students entering the 6th grade in September and have turned 11 year old must also provide proof of the Tdap vaccination. Tdap forms are mailed home from the Middle School in the spring. Students who have a birthday after September can wait to have the Tdap at their birthday, but must have proof of the varicella immunization at the beginning of the school year.

Appropriate documentation of the needed immunizations must be provided for school attendance.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation .