

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System would like to remind you, as the parent/guardian of a 6th grade student, that the state requires proof that your student has had a booster dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (known as Tdap). This requirement is necessary for your child to be admitted into the 7th grade next school year.

The Tennessee Department of Health has issued an immunization requirement for all students entering into the 7th grade and is as follows:

- Documentation of Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis Booster (Tdap) – not required if a Td booster dose is recorded as given less than 5 years before 7th grade entry (on the appropriate DTaP/DT/Td line of the certificate, however updated certificate must be turned in to the school).

Tennessee state law requires facilities to accept **only** the official **Tennessee Certificate of Immunization**. Proof of immunization must be on this certificate. For currently enrolled students entering 7th grade, only proof of the new immunization is required on the new certificate of immunization. It is not necessary to copy the information from the previous certificate on to the new certificate. Your healthcare provider or the health department will provide you with the certificate when you take your child for his/her required immunization. School staff, including the school nurse, cannot complete or make changes to the certificate. This must be done by your healthcare provider.

Please make arrangements with your healthcare provider, the Health Department, or one of the Immunization Partners on the attached list for your child to receive this new immunization prior to the first day of the 2017-2018 school year. The Montgomery County Health Department can be reached at 931-648-5747.

It is state law that no child be permitted to attend school until proof of immunization is provided to the school. *Exemptions: Please see our policy on medical/religious exemptions for more information.*

For additional information, please visit the TN Department of Health website at <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/immunization-program/ip/immunization-requirements.html>

Please feel free to contact the school nurse for any questions or additional information. You may also contact the District Registered Nurse, Danielle Kriminger, at 931-920-7976.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Danielle Kriminger, BSN, RNC
CMCSS District Registered Nurse