

6th GRADE INFORMATION FROM THE EDISON SCHOOL NURSE

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Health requirements for entry into 6th Grade:

IMMUNIZATIONS:

Written medical documentation is required by New Jersey State Law. Your child must be in compliance with this law to begin school as scheduled.

The State of New Jersey has revised the mandatory requirements for school attendance (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4) for children entering **SIXTH GRADE**.

The new requirements are as follows:

1. Children born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering Grade 6 on or after September 1, 2008 shall have received one dose of meningococcal-containing vaccine.
2. Children entering Grade 6 shall have received one dose of Tdap, given no earlier than the 10th birthday.

PHYSICAL EXAM:

An updated physical dated within past year must be submitted to the school nurse *before school begins*. Since a physical is required by students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, fourth, sixth and ninth grades, plus new enrollees in other grade levels, documentation is needed in September.

COMMUNICATION:

Complete and submit the **“Emergency Contact sheet”** by the first day of school.

Communicating with the school nurse is imperative in helping to care for and provide a safe and healthy learning environment for your child. Please report to the school nurse with all pertinent health matters and any communicable illnesses concerning your child. Please report all absences to the attendance line: (973) 669- 5360.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN SCHOOL:

If your child requires prescription medication to be administered during the school day, please contact the school nurse to obtain the appropriate consent forms. Medication cannot be administered with a doctor’s written order and written permission from parent/guardians. Please note: **Parents/guardians are required to transport all medication directly to the school nurse for the child. Please do not send medication of any kind in your child’s backpack or on the school bus.**

ILLNESSES, RASHES OR FEVERS:

Parents are reminded to use discretion when sending their child to school with colds, headaches or stomach disorders. The child may be exposing others and may not benefit educationally. **If your child has been dismissed from school with fever (100 degrees or higher) please refrain from sending your child back to school until they are fever-free for 24 hours or more without the use of fever-reducing medication.** If your child is sent home with contagious symptoms (rash, diarrhea, vomiting) we respectfully ask you to refrain from sending him/her back to school for 24 hours or until your child is symptom free.

Thank you in advance for helping us to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for the coming year.