



Cherokee County School District School Health Services

6th Grade Parent Notification: Immunization Requirement for 7th Grade

Dear Parent/Guardian:

March 2023

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the immunization requirements that affect rising 6th grade students. Students entering 7th grade are **REQUIRED** to have one dose (or booster) of the Tdap vaccine. The Tdap vaccine protects children from tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (also known as whooping cough).

7th Grade students will not be able to begin school in August 2023 without showing proof of receiving the Tdap vaccine or exemption to the school nurse. Proof of receiving the Tdap is considered to be a valid SC Certificate of Immunization Record. Documentation of the Tdap vaccine or a valid exemption must be submitted before your child can start 7th grade.

If your child does **not** have the required Tdap vaccine, contact your child's doctor to make an appointment to receive the vaccine or contact the Cherokee County Health Department at 864.487.2705 to make an appointment. If you need help in making a vaccine appointment or have questions, please contact the school nurse.

We recommend that you schedule a vaccine appointment **EARLY- before** school starts in August 2023. It's not too early to begin planning for a new school year. It is important to note that appointments may be more difficult to schedule at the beginning of school- so plan **now** by scheduling an appointment as early as possible.

When your child has received the Tdap vaccine, please bring a copy of the updated/current SC Certificate of Immunization to the school nurse.

For more information on vaccine requirements:



Thank You!

School Health Services

