



Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order for students to attend school for the 2023/2024 school year, they must meet the Missouri state immunization requirements. You must provide the proper documentation to the school nurse's office BEFORE a student is allowed to start school. If a student does not meet the Missouri requirements, the student will not be allowed to start school in August for the 2023-24 School year. Until these requirements are met, a grace period will NOT be allowed and NO exceptions will be made per state regulation and district policy 2850.

Please plan accordingly and check your child's vaccine record now *with your pediatrician*. If you need a pediatrician referral, please contact your building nurse by email. **This no expectations letter will be for the 2023-24 school year.** Please make appointments with your child's physician or the health department early. Appointments for immunizations fill up quickly, and you may not be able to get an appointment if you wait until the end of summer to schedule. If your child does not have health insurance, the Jefferson County Health Department provides state required vaccines to anyone who is 18 years or younger at NO COST. Call 636-797-3737 to make an appointment.

If your child has been on a regular immunization schedule, he/she will be due for vaccines in kindergarten, 8th grade, and 12th grade. For more information, consult your child's physician or the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

Please note that if you are choosing a religious exemption, or if your child has a medical exemption, you must provide the district with the state required exemption card. As of December 1, 2022, DHSS made the exemption cards available online and will now allow parents to print them from the DHSS website. Medical exemptions must be signed by your child's physician.

This notice is being sent out **TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS** in order to give parents/guardians sufficient notice and so that all students can start the 2023-24 school year on the first day. Please contact **your Building Nurse** for any questions.

Thank you,
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