



Attention Parents of Incoming 7th Grade Students
*****IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR*****

1. **Varicella vaccine:** All students entering 7th grade will be **required to have two doses of varicella vaccine**. A written statement from a parent (or legal guardian or managing conservator), or physician attesting to a history of varicella disease (chickenpox), or of varicella immunity, is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella vaccine.
2. **Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap):** All students entering 7th grade will be required to have **one dose of Tdap vaccine** if it has been five years since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. **Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if contraindication to pertussis exists.**
3. **Meningococcal vaccine:** All students entering 7th grade will be required to have **one dose of meningococcal vaccine**.

If you are unsure if your child has received these vaccinations, please contact your physician to verify or to schedule an appointment **before** the beginning of 7th grade, in order to update his/her immunizations. **An up-to-date shot record will be due by the first day of school.**

You may start now getting these vaccines and providing the school nurse with documentation.

In addition, if you are applying for the Conscientious Exemption through the State of Texas, we must have the **NOTARIZED** form **BEFORE** the student will be able to start school. This process can take 2-4 weeks so, please plan accordingly.

For more information regarding immunization requirements, please visit the [Texas Department of State Health Services](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/) web site (<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/>).

Thank you for helping us comply with Texas State Law. If you have any questions, please email me at felecia.freeman@elginisd.net or call (512) 285-9064.

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