

**Boone County Schools
Student Services Division
School Health Services Department**

To: Parents/Guardians of 5th Grade Students
From: School Health Services
RE: Health Requirements for entry into 6th Grade

Date:

Students entering 6th grade in any school in Kentucky are required to have the following documents on file at their school:

- **A physical exam done within a year of the start of the 6th grade school year** by an MD, Physician Assistant, ARNP or an EPSDT-trained health care provider. KDE requires that this exam shall be reported on the Preventative Health Care Exam Form, not an Athletic Examination form. This form is available from your health department, health care provider, on-line on the Boone County School's website under Parent Resources/Enrollment Forms or at all middle schools.
- **A complete immunization certificate.** This should include:
 - 4 to 5 doses of DTaP vaccine;
 - 3 or 4 doses of polio vaccine;
 - 2 doses of MMR vaccine;
 - a Hepatitis B vaccine series (2 or 3 doses) ;
 - 2 doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine;
 - 1 dose of the meningococcal vaccine (MCV) -- important in the prevention of meningitis
 - Tdap vaccine: the law requires that every child between the ages of 11-12 years receive a Tdap booster (previously a Td booster) regardless of the timeframe from their last tetanus containing vaccine.

It is important to schedule appointments with your health care provider or health department immediately. Students whose shot records are not up-to-date are not permitted to continue regular school attendance and may miss valuable class instruction time.

State Law, Kentucky Revised Statute KRS 158.035, requires each student to have a valid immunization certificate on file in order to attend school.

Please feel free to take this letter with you to your health care provider and discuss these requirements. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school at 859-282-4610 or the School District Health Services Department at 859-334-4478. We appreciate your immediate attention to this health-related matter.

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