

**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:
 - **DTaP** vaccine: 4 to 5 doses;
 - **POLIO** vaccine: 3 or 4 doses;
 - **MMR** vaccine: 2 doses;
 - **Hepatitis B** vaccine series: 2 or 3 doses;
 - **Hepatitis A** vaccine: 2 doses spaced at least 6 months apart; must have documentation that the series has been started prior to **August 2019**;
 - **VARICELLA** (chickenpox) vaccine: 2 doses;
 - **MENINGOCOCCAL (MCV)** vaccine: 2 doses -One dose at 11 years old; **second dose at 16 years old (effective July 1, 2018)** 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 _____ or the School District Health Services Department at 859-334-4478. We appreciate your immediate attention to this health-related matter.

School Nurse

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PLEASE READ!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE FIRST AID ROOM

Welcome to the new school year! We would like to take a moment to remind everyone of a few procedures to follow and offer some ideas to help the students get through the school year as healthy as possible.

Let's start with a few requirements for entry into 6th grade. It is mandatory to have a current Kentucky Immunization Certificate on file. A letter is mailed home one month prior to the expiration date of your child's Immunization Certificate in order to give you time to set up an appointment with your child's doctor and obtain a new certificate.

Upon entering 6th grade, you must also have a health physical; K.D.E. requires that this exam shall be reported on the Preventative Health Care Exam Form, **NOT AN ATHLETIC FORM**. The physical must be completed no earlier than one year from the start of the student's entry into 6th grade. Most physician's offices have the necessary form or you can download the form from the Gray Website under FOR PARENTS and click on School Physical Form.

In order to tryout/participate in a G.M.S./R.H.S. sport and/or activity, your child will need to have a current KHSAA Athletic Physical on file. All physicals are good for one calendar year. This form is also available on the school website under FOR PARENTS.

If your child should need medication while at school, please read the following carefully. ALL medication must be kept in the First Aid Room (including cough drops/lozenges) and must be in their original container. In order for us to administer medication, a MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION CONSENT FORM must be completed. This form can be found on the website under FOR PARENTS or we will be happy to send one home with your child. We request all over the counter medications to be sent in the smallest bottle possible. All meds can be brought in by the student and must be brought immediately to the First Aid Room. We are unable to send any medications home with the student if they are bus riders. Medications can be picked up by the parent at the end of the school year. Any meds left will be disposed of per Boone County Procedure.

To administer prescription medicine, a Medication Consent Form must be completed and signed by a physician. We can only store a week supply of prescription meds at a time. The empty bottle will be sent home for the parent to refill. Please make sure the prescription bottle has the appropriate pharmacy label attached with name, dosage and time of day medication is needed at school. If it will be necessary for a student to carry or transport a medication such as an inhaler, please have the physician indicate this on the Medication Consent Form by initialing and signing in the appropriate places.

Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions about the procedures in the F.A.R. or with any concerns you might have about your child. Our goal is to assist you in keeping your child healthy so as to help them succeed academically!

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