

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 1
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New Immunization Requirements for School Year 2018-2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of 2018-2019 Seventh and Twelfth Grade Students,

The Maine State Legislature is instituting new Immunization Requirements becoming effective at the beginning of the 2018-2019 School Year:

Please note the following new requirements as they pertain to your student:

For students entering Grade 7 in the 2018-2019 School Year:

- Tdap Vaccine Booster: This became effective in September 2017. Tdap contains tetanus and diphtheria toxoids as well as acellular pertussis (protects against whooping cough). A total of six doses (counting all infant and childhood doses) now completes the series.
- MCV4: This is a new requirement effective for the 2018-2019 School Year. This vaccine should be given on or after your child's 11th birthday. This protects your child from several variations of meningitis disease.

For students entering Grade 12 in the 2018-2019 School Year:

- MCV4: Any student entering grade 12 is now required to have 2 doses of MCV4. The first dose shall have been received on or after the 11th birthday. The second dose shall have been received on or after their 16th birthday. If the first dose of MCV4 is administered after your child's 16th birthday, only one dose is required. This protects your child from several variations of meningitis disease.

I am sending this information to you at this time so that if your child should see their doctor, you will be able to ask about the above vaccinations.

Please call the Health Services Office at 764-8105 should you have any questions.

Be Well,

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