



Important Reminder Notice

State of Georgia: Seventh-Grade Immunization Requirements

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you of the immunization requirements for rising seventh graders. If not already up-to-date, please make sure your student receives the required immunizations before the 2024 - 2025 school year starts.

Georgia state law requires that all 7th-grade students receive the following vaccines: meningitis (MCV4) and Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap). All immunizations must be documented on the Georgia Department of Public Health's Certificate of Immunization (Form 3231). This form serves as proof of meeting immunization requirements.

Your student must have documentation of receiving both required vaccines before the first day of school. **Seventh graders must have both vaccines to receive a schedule and attend class.**

The Official Code of Georgia provides for only two types of exemptions from immunization requirements:

1. **Medical:** Medical exemption for a vaccine should be submitted on the advice of your student's physician. Medical exemptions must be noted on the 3231 Immunization form and must be submitted to the school every year.
2. **Religious:** The parent or guardian must provide the school with a notarized Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization (DPH Form 2208). This affidavit does not expire and can be found at this link: <https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/form-2208/download>

Please see your healthcare provider or visit a local health department if your student has not received all the required immunizations. Please have the healthcare provider review the updated immunization record for accuracy and completeness. All vaccines must be listed on the GA 3231 Immunization form.

Ask your pediatrician or local health department about other shots your student may need, including:

- the human papillomavirus (HPV) series,
- an annual flu vaccine and
- catch-up immunizations, including chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), and hepatitis B.

For more information about immunization requirements and resources, please visit our APS Health Services website: <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/61646> or the Georgia Department of Public Health website: <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines>.

If you have questions about your student's immunization status, please contact your healthcare provider or local health department.

Sincerely,

Principal

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