

Ridgewood Public Schools
Health Services

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has **amended vaccine requirements** effective as of **September 1, 2008**, for students **born after January 1, 1997 entering Grade Six (6)** or a comparable age level special education program. They are as follows:

- **Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine (NJAC 8:57-4.10)**

A student born **after 1/1/97** and entering **Grade 6** shall receive one (1) dose of **Tdap** given no earlier than the **10th** birthday.

A student entering Grade 6 after 9/1/08 who received a documented **Td** booster less than five (5) years prior, is **not** required to receive a Tdap booster until five years have elapsed.

A student transferring into a N.J. school from out of state shall have received one (1) dose of **Tdap** provided five (5) years have elapsed since the last documented Td dose.

- **Meningococcal vaccine (NJAC 8:57- 4.20)**

A student born **after 1/1/97** and entering **Grade 6** shall receive one (1) dose of a meningococcal – containing vaccine - preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV).

Please review these requirements with your physician, and submit a note from your doctor documenting the administration date(s) of required vaccines by September 1, 2017 to ensure compliance.