



# WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of 5th Grade Students:

The New Jersey State Department of Health recently mandated the following vaccines. **The regulations are as follows and went into effect in September for the 2008/2009 school year:**

### 8:57-4.10 DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS TOXOIDS AND PERTUSSIS VACCINE

1. Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six, or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) given no earlier than the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.
2. Children entering or attending Grade Six on or after September 1, 2008, who received a Td booster less than five years prior to entry or attendance shall not be required to receive a Tdap dose until five years have elapsed from the last DTP/DTAP or Td dose.
3. Children born on or after January 1, 1997, and transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of Tdap, provided at least five years have elapsed from the last documented Td dose.

### 8:57-4.20 MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

1. Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and entering or attending Grade Six or a comparable age level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of a meningococcal-containing vaccine, such as the medically-preferred meningococcal conjugate vaccine.
2. Every child born on or after January 1, 1997, and transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country on or after September 1, 2008, shall have received one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

**Physician documentation of these vaccines must be submitted to the certified school nurse prior to entrance into school by September 1, 2013. There is no grace period and there will be no exceptions. All 6th graders must be in compliance.**

The West Milford School Nurses will be updating student records on a continual basis. Any time your child receives these new mandated vaccines please forward verification to the Health Office of your child's school. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

I have read the above immunization requirements.

Alice Steinheimer  
Director of Special Services

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Student's Name (print)

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Parent Signature

Please return by January 11, 2013