

GREENE COUNTY SCHOOLS SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: Parents/Guardians of Students Entering 7th Grade
FROM: Suzanne Price, RN and Kim Phillips, RN
RE: State Immunization Certificate and Rules

The Tennessee Department of Health has issued immunization rules and a "Tennessee Dept. of Health Certificate of Immunization" that is required for school entry for all 7th graders. It is suggested that you make use of **spring or summer break** to obtain these immunizations on an updated form. This documentation may be sent to your **school office at this time** or on the first day of classes in August. Please do not give this paperwork to your student's teacher.

If your child will be a 7th grader in August, they must have:

- 1. Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) booster within the past 5 years.**
- 2. Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or history of chickenpox disease.**
- 3. This data must be on a "TN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION" form. This form may be obtained from your healthcare provider or the health department.**

We must have this form by the first day of school in August with the updated immunizations in order for your child to attend school as a seventh grade student. You may send this form to the school office or to the school nurse at this time in order to streamline the process for fall enrollment.

Please call the system nurses at 798-2646 with any questions.