



WALKER SCHOOLS

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Division of Student Services

Dear Parent,

This is to inform you that beginning next school year (Fall of 2014), 7th graders will be required to have Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines prior to entering school.

All students who are attending 7th grade and for new entrants into a Georgia school grades 8th through 12th must have received one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

Many students may have already received the vaccine and simply need to provide the school with verifying documentation from the family health care provider. If your child has not had these vaccines, he/she must have them before beginning school next fall. Students without adequate proof of vaccination will be subject to exclusion as described in the School Code of Georgia § 20-2-771.

The health department recommends that parents get their children immunized now to avoid a last-minute rush during the summer. Hopefully giving you ample notice will help you to plan for meeting this new requirement. Please let us know should you have questions.

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