

# COPIAGUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



*Kathleen Bannon, Superintendent of Schools  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about changes in the immunization requirements for school entry related to polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccine and varicella (chicken pox) vaccine that went into effect in 2015. The key points regarding the requirements of the law and its implementation are:

- Students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade or a comparable age-level special education school or program on or after September 1, 2007 and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (**Tdap**). A dose of Tdap received at age 10 years or older will meet this requirement.
- All students who are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade must have 2 doses of the **Varicella** (Chicken Pox) vaccine.
- All students in K,1,2,6,7,8 are required to have three or four doses of **Polio** vaccine. Check with your doctor to review required doses and age in which they were administered.
- All students in grades 7-11 are required to have 1 dose of vaccine against meningococcal type A,C, W and Y. ( **MenACWY** or **MCV4**) Minimum age for 1<sup>st</sup> dose of students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade is 10 years of age.

Please consult with your pediatrician regarding these requirements and arrange an appointment as your child will need to provide proof of all immunizations. Students missing required proof of immunizations will not be allowed to remain in school.

If you have questions regarding this requirement, please feel free to contact your school nurse.

Your attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James McCabe  
Assistant Superintendent for Student Services