

USD #368 School Health Services

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Immunization Requirements for 2012-2013 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians of **incoming 7th grade students**;

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has notified the Paola School District of required immunizations for the 2012-2013 school year.
<http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/schoolInfo.htm>

In addition to the already required immunizations, all incoming 7th grade students will need the following vaccinations for the start of the school year;

- **Tdap**, this protects from whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria.
 - *All 7th – 10th graders are required to have **one dose of Tdap** regardless of the interval since the last dose of Td (tetanus/diphtheria). This is to improve pertussis (whooping cough) immunity due to increasing outbreaks.*
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine**
 - *All 7th and 8th graders are required to have **two doses of Varicella** or have had the disease documented with a physician's signature. Without a physician signature, **two** doses of the vaccine are required **even** if you believe your child has had the chickenpox disease.*

If your student has had the Tdap booster and two doses of Varicella, **we must have proof** of such vaccination (i.e. copy of immunization booklet, note or fax from your doctor or health department) so we may update their school health file. Please send in proof to the school office.

If your child is in need of immunizations, please obtain them through your primary health care provider or the Miami County Health Department in Paola. The Health Department is located at 1201 Lakemary Dr. Paola, KS, and their phone number is 913-294-2431. The health department has a walk-in schedule; Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-noon and 1:00-4:00, with a \$10. fee per injection. **Please take a copy of your child's immunization records with you.**

****This will be a requirement for enrollment of the 2012-2013 school year.**

Thank you for your cooperation.