

## USD368 School Health Services

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### Immunization Requirements for 2018-2019 School Year

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

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has notified the Paola School District of required immunizations for the 2018-2019 school year.

<http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/schoolInfo.htm>

*Kansas State Law (KAR 28-1-20)(KSA 72-5209) and school policy require that any child not having compliant immunization records or other acceptable alternative paperwork on file within 90 days of admission to school may be excluded until records are provided.*

**In addition** to the already required immunizations, please be sure your child has received the following vaccination before the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Paperwork can be turned in at enrollment in August or to the Paola Middle School office.

**Tdap**, this protects from whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria.

This vaccination is generally scheduled to be given at the age of 11-12 years old.

- *All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

If your student has had the Tdap booster, 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 or bring to enrollment.

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 you can see if you are eligible to receive immunizations there by calling 913-294-2431 (*please note the Health Department no longer takes "walk-in" appointments*).

Please take a copy of your child's immunization records with you.

**Thank you for your cooperation.**