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Dear Parent/Guardian:

T.C.A. 49-6-5001 (c)(1) states, “no children shall be permitted to attend any public school, ... until proof of immunization is given to the admissions officer of the school.”

- This TN Department of Health immunization rule went into effect *July 1, 2010*.

Your child lacks an up to date record of immunization at _____

Your child needs:

_____ Correct form (state required)

_____ Tdap (combination vaccine that protects against three diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

_____ Varicella

_____ MMR

_____ Other _____

Students who do not have up to date immunizations will not be allowed to attend school for the 2024-2025 school year (7th grade), until the school receives a current and completed state required *Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization* form.

Parents can request a medical or religious exemption from the immunization requirements.

Medical – Physician (MD, DO) or department Public Health Nurse authorized to indicate specific vaccines medically exempted (because of risk of harm) on the new form.

Religious – This exemption requires a signed statement by the parent/guardian that vaccination(s) conflicts with their religious tenets or practices. You may use the Vaccine Religious Exemption Form that can be found at <https://www.dekalbschools.net/coordinatedschoolhealth> under *Forms*.

Thank you,

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