

# MIFFLIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Attention Parent or Guardian:

Beginning the 2017-2018 school year, the Pennsylvania Department of Health is changing school immunization regulations. These regulations are intended to ensure that children attending school in the Commonwealth are adequately protected against potential outbreak of vaccine preventable diseases.

These new requirements include:

- All students grades K through 12 will be required to have four (4) doses of Polio. The final dose in the series should be administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least six months after the previous dose. Students over the age of 18 are exempt.
- Students in Grade 7 will be required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) (if five years has expired since the last Tdap) and an MCV (meningococcal).
- Students in Grade 12 will be required to have a second MCV. If 1st dose of MCV was given at 16 years of age or older, only one (1) dose is required.
- Students entering Kindergarten will be required to have all state required immunizations on file prior to starting school. This information was provided at Kindergarten registration. A list of all required immunizations can be viewed on the Mifflin County School District Website.

Documentation of all requirements must be provided to your child's school nurse. If your child does not have all the doses listed above, the child must provide a "medical certificate" that is completed by your child's healthcare provider. The medical certificate must be on file with the school within the first five (5) days of the start of school year, or your child will be excluded per Pennsylvania state law. This date will be September 1, 2017. If documentation of all required immunizations as noted above for 2017-2018 school year have not been received or a medical certificate is not on file, your child will not be permitted to attend school, and any days missed for this will be considered an illegal absence.

If you have any questions regarding these new changes, please contact your child's nurse.