

## **New Immunization Requirements**

The Texas Department of State Health Services has announced changes to the Texas elementary and secondary school immunization requirements. Beginning August 1, 2009, students entering Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to show documentation that the following vaccines have been received.

### **Kindergarten students:**

**Varicella-** two doses

(Written verification of a chickenpox illness by the parent, guardian, or doctor will waive the requirement for the vaccine)

**Hepatitis A-** 2 doses

**MMR- Measles, Mumps, Rubella-** 2 doses

### **7th grade students-**

**Meningococcal vaccine-** one dose

**Varicella vaccine-** two doses

(Written verification of a chickenpox illness by the parent, guardian, or doctor will waive the requirement for the vaccine)

**Tdap: Tetanus, Diphtheria and acellular Pertussis-**one dose required only if it has been 5 years since the last tetanus-containing vaccine.

The complete immunization requirements for Texas Schools may be found at the following link:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm#infoforschoolchildcare>