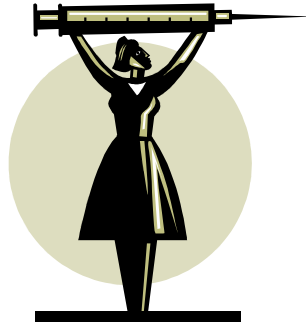


Falcon School District 49
Nursing Services



Dear Parents,

As the parent/guardian of a **student entering 6th Grade** during the 2008-2009 school year, you need to be aware of recent changes in immunization requirements made by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:

- Colorado requires all students entering 6th grade to receive a dose of Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) vaccine. This is **in addition to** the doses required previously for school attendance.
- Parents will need to provide the school with appropriate documentation from their child's health care provider that their child received this vaccine before he/she can enter 6th grade.
- 6th graders who have received a TD (Tetanus/Diphtheria) vaccine within the past two years will need to postpone receiving the Tdap vaccine **but** parents will need to provide the school with documentation from the health care provider of the TD vaccine, including the date it was given, in order for the student to remain in school. School health room personnel will notify parents once the two years has lapsed and the student will then require a Tdap vaccination in order to attend school.
- You may wish to contact your child's health care provider, the El Paso County Health Department (578-3199), or your child's school health room (***-****) if you have any questions regarding these changes mandated by the State of Colorado. Additional information can be found at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immunization/PARENTLETTER.pdf>

Falcon School District Nurses

If immunizations are against your religious beliefs, you must sign the religious exemption on the reverse side of the CDPHE Certificate of Immunization. If your child cannot be immunized for medical reasons, a physician must sign the medical exemption on the reverse side of the Certificate of Immunization. If you have a personal belief opposed to immunizations, you must sign the personal exemption on the reverse side of the Certificate.