

## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Prior to entering sixth grade, all students in Virginia are required to receive a booster dose of Tdap vaccine if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT, or Td).

The Tdap booster can be obtained from your child's physician. If your child is 11 years old, he or she should get the Tdap immunization and documentation should be provided to the school immediately. However, if your child is still 10 years old, please check with his or her physician to see if the physician is using Boostrix (the Tdap vaccine approved for 10 year olds). If not, your child will need to wait until the eleventh birthday to receive the immunization. If the eleventh birthday is after the first day of school, your child must have a medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap in order to attend school. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/vaccine.htm>