

Legislation went into effect in Virginia in July of 2006 requiring all students entering the sixth grade to receive a booster dose of pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap). If five years have passed since your student's last booster, this shot is required.

Please review your student's shot record. The shot may be listed as DPT, T, Td, Dtap, and/or Tdap. The vaccine may be obtained from your private physician or pediatrician, the area's military clinics, or the Virginia Beach Health Department at 4452 Corporation Lane.

Once the vaccine has been received, bring the documentation of it to your current school nurse. If you choose to wait until summer, take it to the guidance office of your child's middle school prior to the first day of school. Your child will not be allowed to begin 6th grade if proof has not been received.

If you have any questions, please contact your physician, the health department at 518-2700, or the school nurse.