

Dear: \_\_\_\_\_

All students attending a Richmond County Public School are required to have adequate immunizations. Students entering a Richmond County Public School are required to have at least three doses of Diphtheria (**inflammation of the mucous**), Pertussis (**whooping cough**), Tetanus (**a serious bacterial infection**) and Poliomyelitis (**polio**), the last dose of each administered on or after the child's fourth birthday, and at least two doses of Measles and Mumps and one dose of Rubella (MMR) vaccine administered on or after the child's first birthday. **In addition, documentation of having had chicken pox or two Varicella (chicken pox) vaccines must be presented.**

Beginning with the school year 2007-2008, if your child is under five (5) years of age, he/she must have protection against the pneumococcal (**pneumonia**) disease. He/she will need the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV). The number of doses needed will depend on the child's age. In addition, if your child is currently enrolled in a four (4) year old pre-k program, he/she may need to obtain the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of varicella and mumps vaccine and will need to submit documentation of meeting the new requirements on the Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form #3231) upon entry into five (5) year old kindergarten.

Effective with the school year 2000-2001, for entrance into any Georgia Public School, all students must have completed the Hepatitis B Vaccine Series (**inflammation of the liver**). For entrance into the sixth grade, or at its equivalent age, each child must show proof of one additional dose of MMR vaccine, for a total of two MMR vaccines administered on or after the child's first birthday and at least thirty days apart. Also, required are a Dental, Hearing and Vision certificate for students entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade or a Georgia Public School for the first time and a birth certificate for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students entering school for the first time.

Effective with the school year 2014, students entering 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade born on or after January 1, 2002 are required to receive one dose of **TDAP (TETANUS, DIPHTERIA, PERTUSSIS Vaccine) and MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE (meningitis)** vaccine. This will also affect any new entrant to a Georgia School for the first time in Grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Certificates of immunization, dental, hearing and vision may be obtained at the Richmond county Health Department. Information about the centers, addresses, phone numbers and hours of immunization clinics may be obtained by calling 706-721-5800. These certificates may also be obtained from Fort Gordon or a private physician.

The birth certificates can be obtained from the Health Department in the area where your child was born. Any parent who cannot obtain a birth certificate from the local Department of Health (for a child born in Georgia) should do the following: Send the child's full name, date and place of birth, father's full name and mother's full maiden name along with a U. S. Postal money order for \$25.00 (fee required for the search and one certified copy) to:

GA Dept. of Public Health Vital Records 2600 Skyland Dr. NE Atlanta, GA 30319-3640	Certificates for foreign born students may be obtained by writing to: Authentication Officer Department of State Washington, DC 20025
--	--

A review of your child's record reveals that he/she does not have the certificate(s) indicated below. Please have the certificate(s) turned in by the dates indicated so your son/daughter will continue to have the best education possible.

1.      A Certificate of Immunization (Form #3231 due in 30 calendar days) will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
2.      Documentation of having had chicken pox or the Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine due in 30 calendar days will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
3.      ADental, Hearing and Vision Certificate (Form #3300 due in 30 calendar days) will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
4.      A Birth Certificate (due in 45 calendar days) will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.

I fully understand that I must present to the school officials the certificate(s) checked by the date indicated. I further realize that my child will be withdrawn from school if he/she does not have the certificate(s) on file by the date indicated.

_____	_____	_____
Name of Student	Signature of School Official	Date
_____	_____	
Signature of Parent	Date	

Dear: \_\_\_\_\_

All students attending a Richmond County Public School are required to have adequate immunizations. Students entering a *Richmond County Public School are required to have at least three doses of Diphtheria (*inflammation of the mucous*), Pertussis (*whooping cough*), Tetanus (*a serious bacterial infection*) and Poliomyelitis (*polio*), the last dose of each administered on or after the child's fourth birthday, and at least two doses of Measles and Mumps and one dose of Rubella (MMR) vaccine administered on or after the child's first birthday. In addition, documentation of having had chicken pox or two Varicella (chicken pox) vaccines must be presented.*

Beginning with the school year 2007-2008, if your child is under five (5) years of age, he/she must have protection against the pneumococcal (*pneumonia*) disease. He/she will need the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV). The number of doses needed will depend on the child's age. In addition, if your child is currently enrolled in a four (4) year old pre-k program, he/she may need to obtain the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of varicella and mumps vaccine and will need to submit documentation of meeting the new requirements on the Georgia Certificate of Immunization (Form #3231) upon entry into five (5) year old kindergarten.

Effective with the school year 2000-2001, for entrance into any Georgia Public School, all students must have completed the Hepatitis B Vaccine Series (*inflammation of the liver*). For entrance into the sixth grade, or at its equivalent age, each child must show proof of one additional dose of MMR vaccine, for a total of two MMR vaccines administered on or after the child's first birthday and at least thirty days apart. Also, required are a Dental, Hearing and Vision certificate for students entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade or a Georgia Public School for the first time and a birth certificate for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students entering school for the first time.

Effective with the school year 2014, students entering 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade born on or after January 1, 2002 are required to receive one dose of **TDAP (*TETANUS, DIPHTERIA, PERTUSSIS Vaccine*) and MENINGOCOCCAL CONJUGATE (*meningitis*)** vaccine. This will also affect any new entrant to a Georgia School for the first time in Grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Certificates of immunization, dental, hearing and vision may be obtained at the Richmond county Health Department. Information about the centers, addresses, phone numbers and hours of immunization clinics may be obtained by calling 706-721-5800. These certificates may also be obtained from Fort Gordon or a private physician.

The birth certificates can be obtained from the Health Department in the area where your child was born. Any parent who cannot obtain a birth certificate from the local Department of Health (for a child born in Georgia) should do the following: Send the child's full name, date and place of birth, father's full name and mother's full maiden name along with a U. S. Postal money order for \$25.00 (fee required for the search and one certified copy) to:

<p>GA Dept. of Public Health Vital Records          2600 Skyland Dr. NE          Atlanta, GA 30319-3640</p>	<p>Certificates for foreign born students may be obtained by writing to:          Authentication Officer          Department of State          Washington, DC 20025</p>
---	---

A review of your child's record reveals that he/she does not have the certificate(s) indicated below. Please have the certificate(s) turned in by the dates indicated so your son/daughter will continue to have the best education possible.

1. \_\_\_ A Certificate of Immunization (Form #3231 due in 30 calendar days) will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_ Documentation of having had chicken pox or the Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine due in 30 calendar days will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_ A Dental, Hearing and Vision Certificate (Form #3300 due in 30 calendar days) will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_ A Birth Certificate (due in 45 calendar days) will be due on or before \_\_\_\_\_.

I fully understand that I must present to the school officials the certificate(s) checked by the date indicated. I further realize that my child will be withdrawn from school if he/she does not have the certificate(s) on file by the date indicated.

_____	_____	_____
Name of Student	Signature of School Official	Date
_____	_____	
Signature of Parent	Date	