

6th Grade Immunization Requirement

Due to changes in the State Education Laws, effective January 2005, starting in September 2005, and every year after, all students entering sixth grade must be immunized against Varicella (Chickenpox) in order to attend school. State Education Dept. Law 2164 requires the school to exclude students not in compliance with the law and report the student's name and address to the Clinton County Health Department.

The varicella amendment requires:

- Students born on or after January 1, 1994, and who are entering sixth grade at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year must be immunized against varicella;
- Those students born on or after January 1, 1994, and who transfer to our school from out of the state or country, must be immunized when they enter our school;
- Students born on or after January 1, 1994, and who are repeating sixth grade at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year must be immunized against varicella;

Exemptions from this requirement include the following:

- A history of varicella disease as documented by a health care provider. **Parental recall of the disease history is not sufficient, and will not be accepted as proof of immunity;**
- Serologic proof (blood testing) of immunity to varicella. The serologic test is reliable for determining the immune status in a healthy person after they have had a natural infection.

Parents may attend the Clinton County Health Department regular clinics for the vaccine. Call for an appointment at the Old Court House in Plattsburgh, 565-4848. If you have any questions regarding the varicella requirement, you may contact your child's Health Office or you child's principal.