



## Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade for 2017-2018

State Law requires that all students grades 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> must have a booster of the **Tdap vaccination**, protecting them against pertussis (Whooping Cough) as well as tetanus and diphtheria. Even if your student has had the DTaP immunizations as a child, immunity wears off as children reach ages 10 or 11 years old and some even younger. Although pertussis in older children is not typically life threatening, it can cause significant illness in children with asthma. The school exclusion period for a student with Pertussis is at least for 5 days during antibiotic therapy. Infants and small children who contract pertussis from school age siblings can become seriously ill.

As a result, students in grades six through twelve must show proof they received the Tdap immunization before beginning the 2017-2018 school year. **Please provide proof of immunization to the school health office.** Records may be dropped off in the school health office, emailed to [health@bfacademy.org](mailto:health@bfacademy.org) or faxed to 303-974-1738. Students without current documentation will not be able to attend Outdoor Education.

For more information regarding immunizations in Colorado please visit the following link: [Colorado immunization information](#)

Thank you,

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**For information on how to receive this vaccine, please contact your health care provider or Tri-County Health Department, 303-451-0123.**

Parents who have religious, personal or medical exemptions for immunizations must have an exemption form on file at the school