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## **ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 2023 INCOMING 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS!**

In accordance with WVDE Policy 2423, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, there are immunization requirements for students entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. All students entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade this August are required to show proof of a Tdap (protection from Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) Booster immunization after the age of 11 years. They also must show proof of at least one dose of the vaccine that protects against bacterial meningitis and was given after the age of 16 years. Verification of these immunizations must be presented to the school on the first day of school or before the 2023-2024 school year begins.

Verification must be documentation from a doctor's office or county health department that includes the student's name and birth date as well as the dates that the immunizations were administered. It must have the health care provider's signature or be stamped with the name of the clinic or health department and initialed by the personnel who administered the immunizations.

If your child has not had these immunizations, please make an appointment with your health care provider or call the Kanawha Charleston Health Department (304-348-8080) for an appointment. Have your child get these **REQUIRED** immunizations and bring the proof to the school nurse at your child's high school.

Students entering the 12<sup>th</sup> grade also **MUST** show proof of a well-child physical within the last year and a dental examination within the last year. Please bring proof of both of these examinations to the school by the first day of school, August 18, 2023.