

Attention Parents/Guardians:

# Tdap Vaccine Required for Rising **7<sup>th</sup>** Students

South Carolina law **requires** that all students entering the seventh grade receive one (1) dose of **Tdap** vaccine. **Tdap** vaccine protects children from three serious diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (often called whooping cough). State law began the requirement for the **Tdap** vaccination in the 2013-14 school year.

We do not currently have a record that your child has received his/her **Tdap** vaccine. If your child has already had the vaccine, you must provide the school with proof that they have had it. If your child has not received the vaccine, please contact your health care provider as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for your child to be given the vaccine. The **Tdap** vaccination is given by health care providers, many pharmacies, and the Greenville County Health Department. Once your child has received the vaccine, please remember that you must provide proof to the school nurse.



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## For More Information:

contact the school nurse at your child's school, call 863-355-3100, or visit [greenville.k12.sc.us](http://greenville.k12.sc.us)



Students entering the seventh grade, who have not received the **Tdap** vaccine by the beginning of next school year (August 2019), **will not be allowed to attend school** until they have received the vaccine and provided proof to the school nurse.