

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

TO: PARENTS OF ALL NEW STUDENTS ENTERING RAVENSCROFT

North Carolina Law requires an immunization record to be on file for every child who attends school—public, private or religious. The law states that "a principal shall not permit any child to attend school until he/she provides a Certificate of Immunization as required by law." **Ravenscroft requires a physical examination and immunization report on all students when they enter school. These forms must be submitted before the start of school.**

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- DTP/DtaP** Five doses of either vaccine with dose #5 on or after the fourth birthday. (If fourth dose is on or after the fourth birthday, fifth dose is not required.)
- DT** Five doses (If DT is recorded, medical exemption for pertussis must be on file.)
- OPV/IPV** Four doses with dose #4 on or after the fourth birthday. (If third dose is on or after the fourth birthday, fourth dose is not required.)
- MMR** Measles: two doses (separated by at least 30 days, with first dose on or after the first birthday) are required if child entered kindergarten on or after 7/1/94; one dose if child entered earlier. Mumps/Rubella: one dose of each (on or after the first birthday) completes this requirement. Vaccines for these three diseases are usually given in combination as MMR; however, if one dose measles-only vaccine was given on or after this first birthday and one dose MMR was given at least 30 days later, no more MMR is required.
- Hib** If child is five or older, Hib is not required. If child is younger than five, three doses and a booster dose on or after the first birthday are required. (*If child received the first dose on or after 12 months of age but before 15 months, one more dose is required.*) One dose given on or after 15 months of age completes the requirement for Hib.
- Hepatitis B** Three doses required for all children born on or after 7/1/94. *Children born before 7/1/94 are not required to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B, although it is recommended.*
- Varicella Vaccine (Chickenpox)** One dose on or after age 12 months and before age 19 months if born on or after April 1, 2001. However, if the disease can be documented, vaccine is not required.

Please have all medical records at the school as soon as possible after acceptance to avoid delay of entering school when classes begin. The acceptance of a student to Ravenscroft School, as set forth in the Enrollment Agreement, is contingent upon receipt of a student's medical and immunization records which are due before the first day of school. Students will not be permitted to begin class or participate in sports without these medical records.

If you have any questions, please contact the Admissions office or the Ravenscroft School Nurse at 919-847-0900.