



## Tdap vaccine now required for incoming seventh-graders

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Students entering the seventh grade are required to have the Tdap vaccination.

The requirement is one of many vaccines mandated for schoolchildren by the Mississippi State Department of Health. The Tdap vaccine covers tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

At registration, parents need to provide a Health Department Form 121 to verify that their child has received this vaccine.

"Students can get vaccinated at their pediatrician's office or any health de-

partment," said Clinton Public School District nurse Renee Martin. "The health department is also recommending that preteen students get vaccinated against meningococcal disease, human papillomavirus and a second dose of varicella vaccine if they did not receive one at a younger age."

For a listing of required vaccinations for school entry and recommended vaccinations for all ages, visit the Health Department Web site at [www.healthmys.com](http://www.healthmys.com) or call 1-866-459-4948.

## Residency violations in CPSD are illegal

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Claiming to live in the Clinton Public School District boundaries to enroll a child is not only against school district policy, it's also illegal.

A City ordinance adopted in 2009 makes it illegal to provide false statements to any official or employee of the Clinton Public School District when enrolling a child in Clinton's public schools. Violators may be fined up to \$1,000 or sentenced up to 90 days in jail, or by both fine and imprisonment.

"It's a taxpayer issue," said Dr. Tim Martin, superintendent of schools. "The people of Clinton are paying local property taxes and paying for bond issues that fund our school district. It's not fair for the Clinton community when people who don't live here lie about their residency to enroll their children."

CPSD partners with the Clinton Police Department to investigate all reports of residency policy violations, Martin said.

"There is a form on our Web site you can fill out if you suspect that someone is violating our residency policy," he said.

Sgt. Al Kimbrell, Clinton police officer and School Resource Officer in CPSD, said Clinton police "check all apartments at least twice a year in case families move out and fail to inform the school."

It is not uncommon for students to be removed from CPSD if their families are found to be violating the residency policy, and many of these cases have been prosecuted in city courts resulting in fines and jail.

"This is something we take very seriously," Martin said.

## School supplies can be used to pay traffic citations in Clinton during July

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Drivers with traffic related offenses through the Clinton Police Department will have the option to purchase school supplies in lieu of paying traffic tickets during the month of July.

Clinton Police and Municipal Court officials are partnering with the Clinton Public School District to collect new school supplies for students in preparation for the 2019/20 school year.

Drivers with tickets for traffic related offenses that are not outstanding to the court will be eligible for the school supply option. In addition to no outstanding fines and tickets, other offenses not included in the program include DUIs, suspended driver's license and uninsured motorist citations.

To determine if a citation qualifies for the program, call 601-924-4411. Motorists with traffic citations who meet the qualifications are invited to visit Clinton Municipal Court Services, 305 Monroe Street, to

obtain a list of school supplies for a child in grades kindergarten through eighth.

Once the driver has returned the items on the school supply list to Clinton Municipal Court, then the Municipal Court judge will dismiss the citation, and the ticket will not be recorded on the driving record.

Drivers who choose to utilize this unique, limited opportunity will not only support the Clinton Public School District but also receive the benefit of not having the citation noted with their insurance provider.

Drivers who desire to utilize the program may call Clinton Municipal Court at 601-924-4411 or visit Clinton Municipal Court

Services, 305 Monroe Street to obtain a list of school supplies or to determine eligibility.

This service will only be available during the month of July.



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