

## Meningococcal Vaccine Requirement for Students Entering Grade 12



As of September 1, 2016, students entering grade 12 must be fully vaccinated against <u>meningococcal</u> disease types A, C, W and Y in order to attend school.

The meningococcal vaccine protects against serious and sometimes deadly diseases such as meningitis (an infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and sepsis (blood infections). The vaccine is administered as a shot.

## Before school this September:

- Students entering grade 12 are required to receive two doses of MenACWY.
- The second dose or booster dose must be administered no sooner than age 16. (Many students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade received their first dose when they were younger and are due or overdue for their booster dose.)
- If the first vaccine dose was received at age 16 years or older, only one dose will be required.

## Which vaccine will meet the requirement?

An immunization record indicating any of the following vaccines will meet the requirement:

MenACWY MPSV4 Menomune

MenactraMeningococcal conjugate vaccineMenveoQuadrivalent meningococcal vaccine

• <u>Documented proof from your student's health care provider must be received in the school Health Office by September 1st.</u>