

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS ENTERING
7TH AND 12TH GRADE IN THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

The Iowa Department of Public Health has instructions regarding mandatory vaccines for students enrolling in 7th and 12th grades. These rules apply to students for the 2019-2020 school year. Families of students should contact their doctor's office for an appointment to receive these required vaccines and submit the completed forms to the school on or before the first day of school.

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OR, Turn into one of the offices at the school.

The change requires:

- **Students entering 7th grade (if born after September 15, 2004) – 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine received on or after age of 10 – a booster dose will be needed at age 16.**
- **Students entering 12th grade (if born after September 15, 1999) – 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine on or after the age of 16.**

Meningitis is a very serious disease. Approximately 10 – 15 % of people with meningitis die even with appropriate treatment. Of those who recover, up to 20% suffer from serious after effects such as permanent hearing loss, limb loss or brain damage. Meningococcal vaccines are very safe and 85-100% effective at preventing infection. The meningococcal vaccine requirement will help keep students, friends, families and communities safe.

By law, if a 7th or 12th grader is not fully immunized for meningitis, he or she could be kept out of school and all school-related activities like sports as early as day 1.

Students entering 7th or 12th grade in the 2019-2020 school year should check with their doctor about the meningococcal vaccination.

Please note: By law, it is required 7th graders have a TDaP booster before the start of school in addition to the Meningococcal vaccine.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Emily Kuper
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MS/HS Principal