

# Parents:

All kids entering **Grades 7-12** must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

**Without it, they can't start school.**

## **About the Vaccine:**

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- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been **required** for school entry since Sept. 1, 2016.

## **About Meningococcal Disease:**

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- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

**Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.**

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