New for 2016-17 School Year

## **Parents:**

All kids entering **7**<sup>th</sup> and **12**<sup>th</sup> **grade** must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

Without it, they can't start school.

## About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine. It's been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- What's new is that the vaccine will be required for school entry as of Sept. 1, 2016.

## **About Meningococcal Disease:**

- 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.

