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Iowa Immunization law requires all students entering the 12 grade to have 1 dose of **meningococcal vaccine** on or after 16 years of age.

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings and typically affects older teens and young adults.

All students entering 12th grade must have proof of having the Meningococcal vaccine, after age 16, **before school starts in August**, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

Now is a great time for your child to receive this immunization, and beat the back-to-school rush, by making an appointment for your incoming 12th grader.

Completed immunization forms can be emailed to <u>nancy.vanblarcom@mcsdonline.org</u> or faxed to me at the school at 563-264-1794.

Thank you for your time and attention to this requirement.

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