

Bedford County Public Schools

311 South Bridge Street, Bedford, VA 24523

Office of Student Support Services



Dear Parent or Guardian of a Rising 12th Grade Student,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the immunization requirements that will impact your rising 12th grade student. Code of Virginia § 32.1-46 requires that all students entering the 12th grade have the following immunization before the first day of school:

- One dose of **Meningococcal Vaccine (MenACWY, Menactra, or Menveo)** given at age 16 or older.

Please ask your private healthcare provider, the health department, or local pharmacy to review your student's immunization record to ensure that they have received the required vaccine.

According to our policies, the admitting official of a school shall exclude from the school any student for whom there is not documentary proof of immunization, notice of exemption, or notice that the student is homeless. Twelfth grade students will not receive their class schedule or begin school (in-person or virtual) on August 14th without documentation of meeting the vaccination requirements.

Documentation must be provided to the school that your student is currently attending or will be attending in the fall before July 17, 2023.

Acceptable documentation includes:

- A copy of your student's immunization record showing the date the immunization was given.
- A note on a healthcare provider's letterhead stating the date the immunization was given.
- A healthcare provider's written statement of a permanent or temporary medical exemption for a student who cannot receive the immunization due to medical reasons.
- A notarized Religious Exemption Form which is available on the BCPS website: Areas of Support- Student Support Services- School Nursing Services.

If you have questions about these requirements, please contact your School Nurse.

Attachments:

- CDC: Meningococcal Vaccines for Preteens and Teens

