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is to pursue excellence in academic knowledge, skills, and behavior for each student, resulting in measured improvement against local, national, and world-class standards.

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Gwinnett County Public Schools is a Learning 2025 Demonstration District.

2022-2023 11th Grade Immunization Requirement

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Effective July 1, 2021, children 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must receive one dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) administered <u>on or after their</u> <u>16th birthday.</u>

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. Meningitis can cause shock, coma and death within hours of the first symptoms.

Failure to submit the Georgia Form 3231 (certificate of immunization) will result in the exclusion of your child from school.

Ask your pediatrician or local health department about other shots your child may need including:

- the human papillomavirus (HPV) series
- the tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis shot (Tdap or Td booster)
- catch-up immunizations, including chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and hepatitis B.

Students can get vaccinations and certificates of immunization from their private physician, other health care providers or at local health department offices listed below. Please check <u>https://www.gnrhealth.com/locations</u> or call the numbers below for health department hours of operation and immunization availability.

Lawrenceville Health Center: 455 Grayson Highway, Suite 300 Lawrenceville, GA Suite 300 770.339.4283 Norcross Health Center: 5030 Georgia Belle Court Norcross, GA 30093 770.638.5700

As a reminder, if you are financially eligible, your child can receive vaccines at no charge through the Vaccines for Children program, however, there is a \$21 administration fee for each vaccine. If you are unable to pay for the administration fee, please ask to speak with the center manager for each local health center for financial assistance. Please bring this letter with you to the health center.

Sincerely,