

Student Immunization And Life Threatening Health Conditions

Immunizations

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the board requires a student to present evidence of his/her having been immunized against diseases as required by the Washington State Board of Health.

Exemptions from Immunization

The district will allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.090.

Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution

The district will provide parents/guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine at the beginning of every school year. The information will address the characteristics of the disease; where to find additional information about the disease; vaccinations for children; and current recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccine.

Human Papilloma Virus Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution

At the beginning of every school year, the district will provide parents/guardians of sixth through twelfth grade students, information provided by the Washington State Department of Health about human papilloma virus (HPV) disease and its vaccine.

The information will include the causes and symptoms of human papilloma virus, how the disease is spread, the places where parents/guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children, and current recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control Prevention regarding the vaccine.

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition will present a medication and treatment order from a Licensed Healthcare Provider (LHP) addressing the condition. A life threatening health condition means a condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication and treatment order, providing authority to a registered nurse, and a nursing care plan are not in place. Following submission of the medication and treatment order, the registered nurse will develop the nursing care plan. .

Students who have a life-threatening health condition and no medication or treatment order presented to the school will be excluded from school, to the extent that the district can do so consistent with federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and according to the due process requirements in School District Procedure 3413P.

Exclusion from School

The district will exclude students only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.120 and WAC 392-380-050.

The superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Cross References: 3416 – Medication at School

3241 - Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action
2162 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
2100 - Educational Opportunities for Military Children

Legal References: Chapter 28A.210 RCW Health — Screening and requirements
Chapter 246-105 WAC Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
WAC 392-182 Student — Health records
WAC 392-380 Public school pupils — Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition

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Policy News, August 2007 Human Papilloma Virus Disease Notification
Policy News, April 2006 Chickenpox Immunization Required
Policy News, June 2005 Distribution of Information on Meningococcal Disease
Policy News, October 2002 Legislature Addresses “Life-Threatening Conditions”

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