

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 State Board of Health.

Exemptions from Immunizations

The district shall allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.0901.

Meningococcal Immunizations Information Distribution

The district will provide parents and guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal disease 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccine.

Human Papillomavirus Disease Information

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

The information will include the causes and symptoms of human papillomavirus, how the disease is spread, the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations and current recommendations from the 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 or treatment order 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 or treatment order providing authority to a registered nurse and nursing plan are not in place. Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a nursing plan shall be developed.

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 Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and according to the following due process requirements:

- A. Written notice to the parents, guardians or persons in loco parentis delivered to the parents in person or by certified mail.
- B. Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the laws and rules.

- C. The order that the student will be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented.
- D. Explain the rights of the parents and student to a hearing, the hearing process and explain that the exclusion continues until the medication or treatment plan is presented or the hearing officer determines that the student should no longer be excluded from school.
- E. If the parents request a hearing, the district will schedule one within three (3) school days of receiving the request, unless more time is requested by the parents; and
- F. The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter WAC 392-400.

The superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Cross References:	District Policy 2161 District Policy 2162 District Policy 3241	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210 WAC 246-105 392-182 392-380	Health screening and requirements Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases Student – Health records Public school pupils – Immunization requiremnt and life- threatening health condition

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