

Students

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 having been immunized against diseases as required by 28A.210 RCW and the Washington State Board of Health 246-105 WAC.

Exemptions from Immunization

The district will allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.090 and WAC 246-105-050.

Meningococcal Disease, 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 meningococcal disease, human papilloma virus (HPV) disease and the vaccines available to prevent those infections.

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

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition will present a medication or treatment order from a licensed healthcare provider as defined in RCW 18.79.260 addressing the condition. A life-threatening health condition means a condition that will put the child in danger of potential death during the school day if a medication or treatment order, providing authority to a registered nurse, and a nursing care plan are not in place. The medication, treatment order or authorization form, signed by the parent and health care provider, and an Individual Health Plan (IHP) and/or nursing plan, need to be in place prior to the first day of school. The IHP will be written by the registered nurse, parents and others, as necessary, to ensure the student's continued health and safety at school.

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 federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and according to due process requirements in Procedure 3413P. developed by the Superintendent or designee.

Exclusion from School

The district will exclude students from further presence at the school who are out of compliance with the immunization requirements and students with a life-threatening health condition as required in RCW 28A.210.120 and students with a life-threatening health condition as required in WAC 392-380-045 who do not have a medication or treatment order in place.

Cross References: Policy 2162 – Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 Policy 2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
 Policy 2100 – Educational Opportunities for Students with a Parent in the Military
 Policy 3416 – Medication at School
 Policy 3115 – Students Experiencing Homelessness – Enrollment Rights and Services

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

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