

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS

Student Immunization

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 the following diseases as recommended by the State Board of Health: diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox), tetanus, and haemophilus influenzae type B disease. A student satisfies the measles and varicella (chicken pox) requirement upon a physician's verification that the student has had measles (rubeola or varicella). Effective with the 2008-2009 school year, provider diagnosis or serological evidence of immunity to varicella may be submitted for students with a history of illness entering kindergarten. Parental verification of illness may be submitted for those in first grade and beyond.

Meningococcal Immunizations Information Distribution

The district shall 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 shall 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 shall provide parents and guardians of students from sixth through twelfth grade with information, provided by the state Department of Health about human papillomavirus disease and its vaccine.

The information shall 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 for their children 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, as diagnosed by a health care provider, shall present a written parent authorization for medication or treatment order addressing the conditions. The authorization must be accompanied by a written request from a licensed health professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority. 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 shall 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 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and pursuant to due process requirements.

A written notice shall be delivered to the parents, guardians or persons serving in the capacity of parent, either in person or by certified mail and shall include the following:

- A. Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the laws and rules;
- B. The order that the student shall be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented;
- C. Notification of the rights of the parents and student to a hearing, description of the hearing process, and an explanation 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.

If the parents request a hearing, the district shall schedule one within three (3) school days of receiving the request, unless the parents request more time. The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter 180-40 WAC.

Cross References: Board policy 2161 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
2162 Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504

Legal References: RCW 28A.210 Health Screening and requirements
WAC 180-38-040 Immunization and life threatening health -
- 065 conditions
246-100-166 Immunization – vaccine preventable diseases
392-182 Student - Health records

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Certificate of Immunization

Immediately upon enrollment in the district a certificate of immunization status, distributed by the Washington Department of Health, shall be completed by the student's parent. The certificate shall be made a part of the student's permanent record.

If a student has not received any or all of the required immunizations, he/she shall submit evidence of the initiation of an immunization schedule and be placed in a "conditional admittance" category. He/she may remain in school for one school year provided that there is documentation that the immunization schedule is being maintained. Failure to maintain the schedule or submit documentation shall be sufficient cause to exclude the student from school.

Exemptions from Immunization

Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical reason upon certification by a physician that there is a medical reason for not administering the vaccine. Exemptions for personal or religious reasons shall be granted upon request of the parent. The permanent file of students with exemptions shall be marked for easy identification should the department of health order that exempted students be excluded from school temporarily during an outbreak or an epidemic.

If proof of immunization or a certificate of exemption is not received upon the student's enrollment in school, the principal shall provide written notice to the parents or guardians informing them of:

- A. The immunization requirements;
- B. The denial of further attendance by the student;
- C. The procedural due process rights; and
- D. The immunization services that are available

Exclusion from School

Following proper notification, the school shall exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization laws pursuant to the appeal process procedures for student expulsions. Parents shall have a right to a hearing provided they notify the school within 3 days after receiving the exclusion order from the school principal. If the parent requests a hearing, the parent or guardian and school principal shall be notified in writing of the time and place for the hearing and shall present the case to a hearing officer appointed by the superintendent.