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Student Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Immunizations

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, parents/guardians are required to present evidence of their child having been immunized against all of the diseases identified by the State of Washington in WAC 246-105-030.

Upon enrollment and prior to the first day of attendance, a parent/guardian must provide documented proof of immunization status. The documentation shall be made a part of the student's health record. The District will allow conditional enrollment, for a limited period of time, of students whose parent/guardian cannot provide evidence of having been immunized against diseases, as provided by Washington state law.

Exemptions from Immunization

The District will allow exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed by Washington state law.

Students conditionally enrolled or enrolled with exemptions from immunization may be subject to temporary exclusion from school during an outbreak or epidemic.

Meningococcal Disease Vaccine Information Distribution

The District shall provide the parents/guardians of students in sixth grade and above 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 Vaccination Information Distribution

The District shall provide the parents/guardians of students in sixth grade and above information about human papilloma virus (HPV) and its vaccine at the beginning of every school year. The information will include the causes and symptoms of HPV: 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 and Prevention regarding the vaccine.

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition shall present a medication and/or 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 or treatment order and an Individual Health Plan are not in place.

Following submission of the medication and/or treatment order, and prior to the first day of attendance, the registered nurse will develop a health plan and ensure that the appropriate staff are provided the necessary training to carry out the plan. The parent/guardian shall also provide any medication or equipment identified in the medication and/or treatment order necessary to carry out the order, unless the school district is required to provide the medication or equipment as a related service under federal law.

A new medication and/or treatment order must be submitted by the parent/guardian for each school year and whenever there are changes in the medication or treatment needs of the child. The health plan shall be amended accordingly.

Exclusions from School

The District will exclude students who have failed to provide proof of immunizations or who have a life-threatening health condition with no medication or treatment order presented to the school only as allowed by RCW 28A.210.120 and WAC 392-380-050 and as outlined in R 3413.1 and R 3413.2. This exclusion shall be consistent with federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Notification and Appeal Process

If a student has been excluded from school, the District will provide the following:

1. Written notice to the parent/guardian or persons in loco parentis delivered to the parents in person or by certified mail.
2. Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the laws and rules.
3. The order that the student shall be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented.
4. Notification of the rights of the parent/guardian and student to a hearing, the hearing process, and 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 parent/guardian requests a hearing, the district shall schedule a hearing within three school days of receiving the request, unless more time is requested by the parent/guardian.

The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for student discipline cases pursuant to Chapter 180-40 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Legal Reference:	RCW 28A.210	Health – Screening and Requirements
	WAC 392-182	Health Records
	WAC 392-380	Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions
	WAC 246-105	Immunization of childcare and school against certain vaccine-preventable diseases

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