

## **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 [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 their vaccines.

The information will include the causes and symptoms of meningococcal disease, human papilloma virus, how the diseases are 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 vaccines.

### **Life-Threatening Health Conditions**

Prior to attendance at school, the parent/guardian of 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/health 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 as required in [RCW 28A.210.120](#) 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 [WAC 392-380-045 WAC](#) who do not have a medication or treatment order in place.

The superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Cross References: 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 Students with a Parent in the Military  
3241 - Student Discipline  
3416 - Medication at School  
3115 - Students Experiencing Homelessness - Enrollment Rights and Services

Legal References: Chapter 246-105 WAC Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases  
Chapter 28A.210 RCW Health — Screening and requirements  
WAC 392-182 Student — Health records  
WAC 392-380 Public school pupils — Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition  
Chapter 28A.210.080 RCW - Immunization program — Information regarding meningococcal disease—Information regarding human papillomavirus disease.

Management Resources: Department of Health - DOH 348-186 March 2021  
2020 - May Issue  
2018 - August 2018 - August Policy Issue  
2012 - August Issue  
2011 - August Issue  
2011 - June Issue  
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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