

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS: 3413

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 District requires a student to present evidence of his/her having been immunized against diseases as required by the State Board of Health.

Exemptions from Immunization

The District will allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.090.

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 Papilloma Virus Disease Information

At the beginning of every school year, the District will provide parents and guardians of sixth through twelfth grade students, information provided by the state Department of Health about human papilloma virus (HPV) disease and its vaccine.

The information will include the causes and symptoms of human papilloma virus, 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 shall 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 is 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 the following due process requirements:

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- 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 shall be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented.
- D. Describe 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 shall schedule one within three (3) school days of receiving the request, unless the parents request more time.
- F. The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter 180-40 WAC.

Cross-References: Administrative Policy – 2100 Educational Opportunities for Military Children
 Administrative Policy – 2161 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
 Administrative Policy – 2162 Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504

Legal References: RCW 28A.210 Health–Screening and requirements

 WAC 246-105 Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
 WAC 392-182 Health Records
 WAC 392-380 Public school pupils – Immunization requirements and life-threatening health condition.

Management Resources: *Policy News*, August, 2012 New Immunization Exemption Requirement
 Policy News, August, 2011
 Policy News, June, 2011
 Policy News, August, 2007 Human Papillomavirus 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”