

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 state law and the Washington 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](#) 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 and students information provided by the Washington State Department of Health about meningococcal disease, human papilloma virus (HPV) disease and 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 vaccination for their children, and current recommendations from the United States 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 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 a nursing 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 of the School District.

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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; however, the district would only do this as required by law and will make reasonable efforts to remove barriers.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.210	Health – Screening and Requirements
	WAC 246-105	Immunization of childcare and school children Against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
	WAC 392-380	Public school pupils – immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition
	WAC 392-182	Student Health Records
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