

# 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 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 will 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 are not in place. Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a nursing plan will be developed.

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 following due process requirements:

- 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 will be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented;
- D. Explain 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 will schedule one within three school days of receiving the request, unless more time is requested by the parents; and
- F. The hearing process will be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to [Chapter 392-400 WAC](#).

The superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Cross References:                   3241 - Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action  
  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 Military Children

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

Management Resources:           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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