

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 Washington State Board of Health. On or before the first day of attendance in the district, a completed certificate of immunization status (CIS) distributed by the Washington State Department of Health for each student will be submitted to the district and validated by the school nurse. All Immunizations, history of disease, exemptions and titers received by the district must be medically verified as stated in Chapter 246-105 WAC.

Exemptions from Immunization

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

Washington State Immunization Information System (IIS) School Module

The district will be using the School Module which is a feature of the Washington State Immunization Information System (IIS), an online registry of immunization records for people of all ages in Washington State. The School Module is a free, secure, and easy-to-use web-based tool that allows users to track and manage student's immunization information.

With the School Module, schools can access existing immunization records in the IIS entered by healthcare providers, providing them with information they need to conduct important immunization work.

Schools are required by FERPA to obtain parental/guardian consent before school immunization records can be released or entered in the School Module. Parental/guardian consent is only required if a student is missing immunization dates or is not in the IIS.

Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution

The district shall provide parents /guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine at the beginning of every school year. The information shall 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 Papillomavirus 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 human papillomavirus disease and its vaccine.

The information shall include the causes and symptoms of human papillomavirus, 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 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 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 care plan.

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 (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 only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.120 and WAC 392-380-050.

The superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Cross References:

3416	Medication at School
Model Policy 2100	Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Board Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Board Policy 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Legal References:

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

Management Resources:

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<i>Policy News</i> , August 2012	Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions
<i>Policy News</i> , August 2011	New Immunization Exemption Requirement
<i>Policy News</i> , June 2011	Educational Opportunity for Military Children
<i>Policy News</i> , August 2007	Human Papillomavirus Disease Notification
<i>Policy News</i> , April 2006	Chickenpox Immunization Required
<i>Policy News</i> , June 2005	Distribution of Information on Meningococcal Disease
<i>Policy News</i> , October 2002	Legislature Addresses “Life-Threatening Conditions”

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