

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 (6th – 12th) 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 (3) 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 WAC 392-400.

The Superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Cross Reference(s)

Board 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

Board Policy 3241 – Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action

Legal Reference(s)

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 – Student – Health Records

WAC 392-380 – Public School Pupils – Immunization Requirement and Life-Threatening Health Condition

Management Resource(s)

Policy News, August 2012

Policy News, August 2011

Policy News, June 2011

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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