

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND LIFE-THREATENING 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 prior to attendance that he or she has been fully immunized, has initiated and is making satisfactory progress toward a schedule of immunizations, or is exempt from one or more immunizations according to rules of the Washington State Department of Health (the “Department”). Students who fail to provide the required documentation or to maintain a schedule of immunizations will be excluded from school in accordance with state law. The district will notify the student’s parents/guardians prior to excluding a student, and the district will provide a hearing process by which the parents/guardians may challenge the exclusion.

The Board designates the superintendent as the “chief administrator” for district schools for purposes of administering the immunization program pursuant to RCW 28A.210.060-.170. The superintendent will develop procedures for proof of or exemption from immunization, exclusion of students, and appeals of exclusions consistent with state law.

Meningococcal Disease Information Distribution

Beginning in sixth grade, the district will provide parents/guardians with information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine at the beginning of every school year. The information about meningococcal disease will include its causes and symptoms, how meningococcal disease is spread, the places where parents/guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children, current recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the receipt of vaccines for meningococcal disease, and where the vaccination can be received.

Human Papillomavirus Information Distribution

Beginning in sixth grade, the district will provide parents/guardians with information about human papillomavirus disease and its vaccine at the beginning of every school year. The information about human papillomavirus disease will include its causes and symptoms, how human papillomavirus disease is spread, the places where parents/guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children, current recommendations from the CDC regarding the receipt of vaccines for human papillomavirus disease, and where the vaccination can be received.

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition must 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 a nursing plan are not in place.

Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a nursing plan will be developed to implement the order. The Student’s parents/guardians also must provide any medication or equipment identified in the medication or treatment order necessary to carry out the order, unless federal law requires the district to provide the medication or equipment.

Students who have a life-threatening health condition and have not presented a medication or treatment order will be excluded from school, to the extent that the district can do so consistent with requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and state law. The district will notify the student’s parents/guardians prior to excluding a student, and the district will provide a hearing process by which the parents/guardians may challenge the exclusion.

The Board designates the superintendent as the “chief administrator” for district schools for purposes of administering the requirements of RCW 28A.210.320. The superintendent will develop procedures for presentation of medication or treatment orders, development of nursing plans, exclusion of students, and appeals of exclusions consistent with state law.

Cross reference:	Board Policy 2160	Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504
	Board Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Legal reference:	Chapter 28A.210 RCW	Health—Screening and Requirements
	Chapter 246-105 WAC	Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
	Chapter 392-380 WAC	Public school pupils—immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition
	Chapter 392-182 WAC	Health Records

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