STUDENTS

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 their having been immunized against diseases as required 28A.210 RCW and by the Washington State Board of Health 246-105 WAC.

Exemptions from Immunization
The district will allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A210.090 and WAC 246-105-050.

Meningococcal Disease, Human Papillomavirus Disease Information
At the beginning of every school year, the district will provide, to parents/guardians of sixth through twelfth grade students, information provided by the Washington State Department of Health, about meningococcal disease, human papilloma virus (HPV) disease, and their 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 vaccinations for their children, and current recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control 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 the 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 in School District Procedure 3413P.

Exclusion from School
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 and students with a life-threatening health condition as required in WAC 392-380-045 WAC who do not have a medication or treatment order in place.

Cross References: Policy 2100 Educational Opportunities for Military Children
Policy 2161 Special Education and Related
Policy 2162 Services for Eligible Students
Policy 3115 Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
Policy 3241 Students Experiencing Homelessness – Enrollment Rights and Services
Policy 3416 Student Discipline
Policy 3416 Medication at School

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:

Policy News, June 2005 Distribution of Information on Meningococcal Disease
Policy News, April 2006 Chickenpox Immunization Required
Policy News, August 2007 Human Papilloma Virus Disease Notification
Policy News, June 2011 Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Policy News, August 2011 New Immunization Exemption Requirement
Policy News, August 2012 Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Condition
Policy News, August 2018
Policy News, May 2020

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