



Students - Series 3000

Student Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions – 3413

Immunization

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 certain diseases as required by the State Board of Health.

Exemptions from Immunization

The district shall allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by law.

Exclusion from School for Noncompliance

Following proper notification, the school will exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization laws pursuant to the appeal process procedures for student emergency expulsions.

Meningococcal Immunization Information Distribution

At the beginning of every school year, the district will provide parents and guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine. The information will include the causes and symptoms of meningococcal disease, how the disease is spread, and the places where parents and guardians may find additional information about the disease and vaccinations for children. Current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccine for meningococcal disease will also be included.

Human Papillomavirus Disease (HPV) Information Distribution

At the beginning of every school year, the district will provide parents and guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about human papillomavirus disease and its vaccine. The information will include the causes and symptoms of human papillomavirus, how the disease is spread, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for children. Current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccine for human papillomavirus disease will also be included.

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition will present a licensed health care practitioner's 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.

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 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. Describe 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 parent/guardian requests a hearing, the district will schedule one within three school days of receiving the request, unless more time is requested by the parent/guardian; 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:

Board Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Board Policy 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Board Policy 3418	Emergency Treatment

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210	Health Screening and Requirements
WAC 392-380	Immunization Requirement and Life-threatening Health Conditions
WAC 246-105	Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
WAC 392-182	Student - Health records
WAC 392-400	Emergency expulsion

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