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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 all students to present evidence of their having been immunized against diseases as required by the State Board of Health: diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox), tetanus, haemophilus influenza type B disease and pneumococcal disease.

Exemptions from Immunizations

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

Meningococcal and Human Papillomavirus Disease Information

The district shall provide parents and guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal and human papillomavirus disease at the beginning of every school year. The information shall address the characteristics of these diseases, where to find additional information about these diseases, vaccinations for children; and current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccines.

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition shall present a medication or treatment order addressing the condition. As per RCW 28A.210.320, a life-threatening health condition means a health condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication or treatment order and a nursing plan are not in place. Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a nursing plan shall be developed.

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 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and pursuant to the following due process and hearing requirements established in WAC 180-40;

- 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 shall 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 parents request a hearing, the district shall schedule one within three school days of receiving the request, unless more time is requested by the parents.
- F. The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter 180-40 WAC.

Cross References:

2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
2162	Education of Students with disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
3241	Classroom Management and Student Discipline, Range of Penalties

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

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