

## **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 district 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 shall 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 Papillomavirus Disease Information**

At the beginning of every school year, the district will provide to parents and guardians of sixth through twelfth 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 papillomavirus, 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 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 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 References:	Model Policy 2100	Educational Opportunities for Military Children
	Model Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
	Model Policy 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
	Model Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment
Legal References:	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 Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , August 2012	Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 2011	New Immunization Exemption Requirement
	<i>Policy News</i> , June 2011	Educational Opportunity for Military Children
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 2007	Human Papillomavirus Disease Notification
	<i>Policy News</i> , April 2006	Chickenpox Immunization Required
	<i>Policy News</i> , June 2005	Distribution of Information on Meningococcal Disease
	<i>Policy News</i> , October 2002	Legislature Addresses “Life-Threatening Condition

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