
STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS

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 the following diseases: diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis b, and tetanus. A student satisfies the measles requirement upon a physician's verification that the student has had measles (rubeola).

Immediately upon enrollment in the District, a certificate of immunization status, distributed by the Washington Department of Health, shall be completed by the student's parent. The certificate shall be made a part of the student's permanent record.

Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical reason upon certification by a physician that there is a medical reason for not administering the vaccine. Exemptions for personal or religious reasons shall be granted upon request of the parent. The permanent file of students with exemptions shall be marked for easy identification should the department of health order that exempted students be excluded from school temporarily during an epidemic.

If proof of immunization or a certificate of exemption is not received upon the student's enrollment in school, the principal shall provide written notice to the parents or guardians informing them of:

- 1)The immunization requirements;
- 2)The denial of further attendance by the student;
- 3)The procedural due process rights; and,
- 4)The immunization services available.

Following proper notification, the school shall exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization laws pursuant to the appeal process procedures for student expulsions. Parents shall have a right to a hearing provided they notify the school within three days after receiving the exclusion order from the school principal. If the parent requests a hearing, the parent or guardian and school principal shall be notified in writing of the time and place for the hearing, and shall present the case to a hearing officer appointed by the Superintendent.

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. 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 shall be developed.

Students who have a life-threatening health condition and no completed and signed medication and/or treatment order presented to the school shall immediately 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 requirements:

- 1) Written notice to the parents, guardians or persons in loco parentis delivered to the parents in person or by certified mail.
- 2) Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the laws and rules.

- 3) The order that the student shall be excluded from school immediately and until a completed and signed medication and/or treatment order is presented.
- 4) Describe the rights of the parents and student to a hearing 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter 180-40 WAC.

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 his/her having been immunized against the following diseases as recommended by the State Board of Health: diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox) for children under thirteen years of age and haemophilus influenzae type B disease. A student satisfies the measles requirement upon a physician's verification that the student has had measles (rubeola).

MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATIONS INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

The District shall 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 shall 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, from sixth through twelfth grade the District shall provide parents and guardians with information, provide by the state Department Of Health about human papillomavirus disease and its vaccine.

The information shall 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.

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Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition shall 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 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 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 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.



<i>CROSS REFERENCE</i>	<i>Policy 2161</i>	<i>Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students</i>
	<i>Policy 2162</i>	<i>Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504</i>
<i>LEGAL REFERENCES</i>	<i>RCW 28A.210</i>	<i>Health—Screening and requirements</i>
	<i>WAC 246-100-166</i>	<i>Immunization of Child Care and School Children Against Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases</i>
	<i>WAC 392-182</i>	<i>Student—Health records</i>
<i>MANAGEMENT RESOURCES</i>	<i>Policy News</i>	<i>August 2007, Human Papillomavirus Disease Notification</i>
	<i>Policy News</i>	<i>April 2006, Chickenpox Immunization Required</i>
	<i>Policy News</i>	<i>June 2005, Distribution of Information on Meningococcal Disease</i>
	<i>Policy News</i>	<i>October 2002, Legislature Addresses “Life-Threatening Conditions”</i>



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