

**STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND LIFE THREATENING
HEALTH CONDITIONS**

POLICY:

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: 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.

If a student has not received any or all of the required immunizations, he/she shall submit evidence of the initiation of an immunization schedule and be placed in a "conditional admittance" category. He/she may remain in school for one school year provided that there is documentation that the immunization schedule is being maintained. Failure to maintain the schedule or submit documentation shall be sufficient cause to exclude the student from school. 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:

- A. The immunization requirements;
- B. The denial of further attendance by the student;
- C. The procedural due process rights; and
- D. The immunization services that are 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 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.

Cross References:

Board Policy No. 6005.1: Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210 Health Measures

Children with Life-Threatening Health Conditions

180-38-040 - 065 Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions

246-100-166 Immunization of child care and school children against certain
vaccine-preventable diseases

392-182 Health records

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PROCEDURES:

Student Immunization

The following procedures shall be used to implement the immunization policy:

- A. A copy of the School and Child Care Immunization Manual shall be kept in each building.
- B. The principal, nurse, or designee shall be responsible for the annual review of the manual with the enrollment secretary. The manual will serve as a guide to assure compliance of students and staff to the Washington State Immunization Law.

Students With Life Threatening Health Conditions

The following procedures shall be used to implement the Life Threatening Health Conditions Policy:

- A. Upon receiving medication/treatment orders and an authorization to exchange health care information, the school's registered nurse shall develop a nursing care plan in partnership with the principal, student, student's parents, and the licensed health care provider. The plan will be distributed to staff based on their contact with the student.
- B. The nursing care plan for the school day will also address school sponsored field trips, extracurricular activities, transportation and additional accommodations or interventions dependent on the individual needs of the student.
- C. The District will annually inform the parents of all in-coming students about the statute.
- D. Annually upon identification of these students, a letter will be sent to the parents addressing the need for a medication or treatment order and nursing care plan.