

## **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 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 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, from sixth through twelfth grade the district will provide parents and guardians with information, provided by the state Department of Health about human papillomavirus 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 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 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.
- F. The hearing process will be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter 392-400 WAC.

Cross References:     Board Policy 2100           Educational Opportunities for Military Children  
                          Board Policy 2161           Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students  
                          Board Policy 2162           Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504

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  
  392-380           Public school pupils — Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition

Management Resources: *Policy News*, August 2011     New Immunization exemption requirement  
  *Policy News*, August 2007     Human Papillomavirus Disease Notification  
  *Policy News*, April 2006     Chickenpox Immunization Required  
  *Policy News*, June 2005     Distribution of Information on Meningococcal Disease  
  *Policy News*, October 2002   Legislature Addresses “Life-Threatening Conditions”

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