

## **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 diseases as required by the Washington State Board of Health.

### **Exemptions from Immunization**

The district will allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A.21.090.

### **Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution**

The district will provide parents/guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine 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 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccine.

### **Human Papilloma Virus Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution**

At the beginning of every school year, the district will provide parents/guardians of sixth through twelfth grade students, information provided by the Washington State Department of Health about human papilloma virus (HPV) disease and its vaccine.

The information will include the causes and symptoms of human papilloma virus, how the disease is spread, the places where parents/ guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children, and current commendations from the United States 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 and treatment order from a Licensed Healthcare Provider (LHP) 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 and treatment order, providing authority to a registered nurse, and a nursing care plan are not in place. Following submission of the medication and treatment order, the registered nurse will develop the nursing care plan.

Students who have a life-threatening health condition and no medication or treatment order presented to the school will be excluded from school, and 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 due process requirements in School District Procedure 3413P.

### **Exclusion from School**

The district will exclude students only as allowed for by RCW 38A.210.120 and WAC 392-380-050.

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