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Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions

1.0 Student Immunization

The Pullman School District Board of Directors, 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, requires a student to present evidence of his/her having been immunized against diseases as required by the State Board of Health. The district will provide notification to parents about immunizations, as required by the State Board of Health.

2.0 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.

3.0 Human Papillomavirus Disease Information

At the beginning of every school year, the district shall provide parents/guardians of students in sixth through twelfth grade with information, provided 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.

4.0 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:

- 4.1 Written notice to the parents, guardians or persons in loco parentis delivered to the parents in person or by certified mail.
- 4.2 Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the laws and rules.
- 4.3 The order that the student shall be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 If the parents request a hearing, the district shall schedule one within three school day of receiving the request, unless the parents request more time.
- 4.6 The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to chapter 180-40 WAC.

Cross References:

Board Policy 2161 Education of students with Disabilities
Board Policy 2162 Education of students with Disabilities under Section 504

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210	Health – Screening and Requirements
WAC 180-38-040-065	Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions
WAC 246-100-166	Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine--preventable diseases
WAC 392-182	Student - Health Records

Management Resources:

Policy News, August 2007	Human Papillomavirus Disease Notification
<i>Policy News</i> , 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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