

Walla Walla Public Schools

BOARD POLICY

Policy No. 3413

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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 Washington State Board of Health.

Exemptions from Immunization

The district shall allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.090.

Meningococcal Immunizations Information Distribution

The district will provide parents and 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 Papillomavirus Disease Information

At the beginning of every school year, the district will provide to parents and guardians of sixth through twelfth grade students, information provided by the Washington State Department of Health about human papillomavirus (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 and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children, and current recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control and 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 provided by a Licensed Health Care 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 or 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, to the extent that the district can do so consistent with federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and according to the following due process requirements in School District Procedure 3413.

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Exclusion from School

The district will exclude students only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.120 and WAC 392-380-050.

The superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

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
Board Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action
Board Policy 3416	Medication at School

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210	Health- Screening and requirements
WAC 246-105	Immunization of childcare and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
WAC 392-182	Student - Health records
WAC 392-380	Public school pupils – Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition

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