STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND
LIFE THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS - PROCEDURE

Immunizations

A child is required to show proof of vaccination against, acquired immunity for, or exemption from the following vaccine-preventable diseases before attending school. (WAC 246-105-030):

1. Chickenpox (Varicella);
2. Diphtheria;
3. German measles (Rubella);
4. Haemophilus influenzae type B disease;
5. Hepatitis B;
6. Measles (Rubeola);
7. Mumps;
8. Pneumococcal disease;
9. Polio (Poliomyelitis);
10. Tetanus; and
11. Whooping cough (Pertussis).

a) Before a child may attend a school or child care center, a parent or guardian must provide proof of the required immunizations or immunity using a department-approved Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form. The CIS may be printed from the WA Immunization Information System (IIS). Parents can also print a CIS by signing up with MyIR or complete the hardcopy form below. If the hardcopy form is used it must be medically verified by accuracy with either a health care provider signature or by attaching medical immunization records to the completed CIS so school or child care staff can verify it for accuracy. (WA DOH School and Childcare Immunization). The certificate shall be made a part of the student's permanent record.

b) Information provided on these forms is to be used by the District Certificated School Nurse to determine the immunization status of a child as: Fully immunized, out of compliance, conditional, or exempt.

c) Children can enter and stay in school or child care in conditional status if they are catching up on the vaccines required to document immunity for school or child care entry.

Criteria for excluding children from schools or child care centers (WAC 246-105-080)

A school or child care center shall exclude a child if one or more of the following applies*:

a) Parent(s) fail to provide documentation of immunization status as required in WAC 246-105-050 on or before the child's first day of attendance.

b) A child attending under conditional status fails to make progress toward full immunization as required in WAC **246-105-060** (2)(a).

c) A child has been admitted under a temporary medical exemption and the particular vaccine for which the exemption was granted is no longer contraindicated and the child fails to make progress toward full immunization as required in WAC **246-105-060** (2)(a).

d) A local health officer excludes a child from school or a child care center under chapter **246-110** WAC during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease if the child has not been fully immunized against that disease due to:

a) Conditional status;
b) Out of compliance status;
c) Medical exemption;
d) Religious exemption;
e) Philosophical exemption; or
f) Personal exemption.

*Any child identified as experiencing homelessness under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq., or in foster care under 20 U.S.C. 6311(g)(1)(E) lacking documentation of immunization status on or before the first day of attendance must be immediately enrolled and allowed to fully participate in all school activities. (WAC 246-105-060)

The certificated school nurse will compile a list of students who qualify for exclusion, notify the chief administrator, and assist in notifying families of the exclusion from school and criteria for return.

Meningococcal Disease, Human Papilloma Virus Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution

Information about meningococcal disease, human papilloma virus (HPV) disease and their vaccines will be provided to parents/guardians of sixth through twelfth grade students via any means approved by the district. This could include: publishing on a website, in a newsletter, sending home individual letters, or other means.

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

The initial attendance of every student at every public school who has a life-threatening health condition is conditioned upon (WAC 392-380-045):

a) Presentation by the parent of a medication or treatment order addressing any life-threatening health condition the child has that may require medical services to be performed at the school; and

b) Formulation of a nursing plan to implement the order.

c) The parent shall also provide any medication or equipment identified in the medication or treatment order necessary to carry out the order, unless the school district is required to provide the medication or equipment as a related service under federal law.

Upon notification of a student with a life-threatening condition, the certificated school nurse will:

a) Contact the family

b) Review licensed health provider (LHP) orders and/or directly contact the LHP,

c) Create an individual health plan (IHP)

d) Distribute the IHP as appropriate to school staff who will care for the student,

e) Provide student-specific training to staff who will care for the student,

f) Notify the chief administrator of any students who meet the criteria for exclusion,

g) Assist in notifying families of the exclusion from school and the criteria for return.

The chief administrator of each public school shall prohibit the further attendance of each student already in attendance for whom a medication or treatment order has not been provided if the child has a life-threatening health condition that may require medical services to be performed at the 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

Any such exclusion shall be preceded by written notice as set forth in WAC **392-380-050**. If written notice has not been provided, any exclusion shall be stayed until notice is received by a parent.

The school shall continue to prohibit the child's presence until the school:

a) Receives a medication or treatment order and any medication or equipment identified in the order necessary to carry out the order, unless the school district is required to provide such medication or equipment as a related service under federal law; and

b) Has a nursing plan in place.

c) A new medication or treatment order must be submitted whenever there are changes in the medication or treatment needs of the child. The nursing plan shall be amended accordingly.

Written notice prior to exclusions from school (WAC 392-380-050)

Before excluding a student from school for failure to comply with WAC 392-380-045, a school must provide written notice of the exclusion to the student's parents in person, by mail, or by email. The written notice must include:

a) The school's decision to exclude the student from school, effective immediately upon the parents' receipt of the notice.

b) The duration and conditions of the exclusion, including that the exclusion will continue until the school receives necessary proof of immunization in accordance with RCW 28A.210.080, a medication or treatment plan in accordance with RCW 28A.210.320, or until a chief administrator determines that the student is no longer excluded from school.

c) Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the applicable laws.

d) In cases of exclusion due to lack of proof of immunization in accordance with RCW 28A.210.080(1), information regarding immunization services that are available through the local health department and other public agencies.

e) The student's and parents' right to a hearing to challenge the decision under WAC 392-380-080, including where and to whom the hearing must be requested and a description of the hearing process.

f) Parents shall have a right to a hearing, provided they notify the school within 3 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.

Language assistance. The school must ensure the written notice is provided in a language the parents understand, which may require language assistance for parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or parents with communication disabilities under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Board Policy 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504	
Legal References:	RCW 28A.210	Health Measures
WAC	180-38-040 - 065	Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions
WAC	246-105	Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
WAC	392-182	Health records
WAC 392-380	Written notice prior to exclusion from school	