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Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions

The attendance of every child, regardless of age, at every school shall be conditioned upon presentation on or before each child's first day of attendance proof of either:

1. full immunization;
2. the initiation of and compliance with a schedule of immunization as required by the state board of health; or
3. a certificate of exemption as provided for in [RCW 28A.210.090](#).

It is the duty of the chief administrator of each school to prohibit further presence at school for any and all purposes each child who is not in compliance with the law. Prior to exclusion of a child, written notice shall be given to the parents, guardians, or adult in loco parentis for each child. The notice shall fully inform such person of:

1. the requirements established by [RCW 28A.210.060](#);
2. the fact that the child will be prohibited from attendance at the school unless in compliance;
3. due process rights as established; and
4. immunization services available in the community.

Full immunization means having been vaccinated against the following vaccine-preventable diseases: diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), hepatitis B, rubella, mumps, haemophilus influenzae type B disease, chickenpox (varicella), and pneumococcal disease in accordance with schedules approved by the State Board of Health.

Proof of chickenpox (varicella) immunity may be met by having had the disease. In such cases, licensed health care provider documentation of month and year of disease is required.

Proof of past infection with measles (rubeola) and rubella virus meets the rubella immunization requirement. Proof consists of an acceptable antibody titer result.

For a child who has initiated a schedule of immunization, attendance at school during any subsequent school year shall be conditioned upon the presentation of proof of compliance with the immunization schedule on the child's first day of attendance during the subsequent school year.

A child may be exempt from immunization for any of the following reasons:

1. Medical exemption certified in writing by a licensed health care provider; or
2. Religious—certified in writing by parent signature; or

3. Philosophical or personal—certified in writing by parent signature and including a statement signed by a health care provider at any time prior to the student’s enrollment stating that the health care provider provided the parent with information about the benefits and risks of immunization to the child. Photocopies of the signed Department of Health form or a letter from the health care provider may be accepted in place of the original form.

If an exemption from the law is claimed for a child, the parent will be notified that in case of an outbreak, to which the child is susceptible, the local health officer has the responsibility to exclude such children for the duration of the outbreak.

The official proof of immunization shall be the Certificate of Immunization Status form provided by the State Department of Health. The chief administrator of each school shall:

1. retain immunization records of each student as long as the student is enrolled;
2. allow state and local health department agents access to those records for purposes of inspection and copying; and
3. file a written annual report on the immunization status of attending students on forms prescribed by the Department of Health.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 2100 Board Policy 2210 Procedure 3413P	Educational Opportunities for Military Children Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions
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Legal references:	RCW 28A.210 WAC 246-105 WAC 392-182 WAC 392-380	Health—Screening and requirements Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases Student—Health records Public school pupils—Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition
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