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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 principal, or other 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/guardian signature; or

3. Philosophical or personal—certified in writing by parent/guardian 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/guardian 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/guardian 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 principal, or other chief administrator of each school shall ensure that:

1. Immunization records of each student are retained as long as the student is enrolled;
2. A record is maintained at the school of the name, address, and date of exclusion of each student excluded from school pursuant to [RCW 28A.210.120](#) for not less than three (3) years following the date of a child's exclusion;
3. State and local health department agents are allowed access to those records for purposes of inspection and copying; and
4. A written annual report is filed with the department of health on the immunization status of attending students at a time and on forms prescribed by the department of health.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2100 Board Policy 2151 Board Policy 2210 Board Policy 2211 Board Policy 3115 Board Policy 3410 Procedure 3413P Procedure 3600P	Educational Opportunities for Military Children Interscholastic Athletics/Activities Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Education for Homeless Students Student Health Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions Student Records
Legal references:	Chapter 28A.210 RCW Chapter 246-105 WAC Chapter 392-182 WAC Chapter 392-380 WAC	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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