

## STUDENTS

### Student Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions

#### Certificate of Immunization

Immediately upon enrollment in the district, the student's parent/guardian will complete a Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS), provided by the Washington Department of Health (DOH), or submit a medically verified immunization record. will be completed by the student's parent/guardian. The district will make the certificate CIS and/or medically verified immunization record ~~will be made a~~ part of the student's permanent record.

If, by the student's first day of enrollment, a student does not have the required immunization documentation ~~for receipt of any or all of the required immunizations, the student's parent/guardian may submit evidence of having initiated an immunization schedule, which he/she will provide the student be placed in a~~ "conditional admittance" status category. Students may attend under conditional status for a limited time. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the student's first day of attendance, the ~~The parent/guardian must provide has no longer than thirty (30) calendar days from the student's first day of attendance to get~~ any missing immunization(s) and/or provide documentation needed to complete the CIS. If a student needs additional doses to complete a vaccine series, ~~he/she the student~~ will remain in conditional admittance status for a maximum of no longer than thirty (30) calendar days after the next dose is due until the series is complete. ~~If a student is granted a temporary medical exemption as recorded on a Certificate of Exemption (COE), the parent/guardian has no longer than thirty (30) calendar days from the expiration of the temporary medical exemption to get any missing immunization(s) and/or provide documentation needed to complete the CIS.~~ Failure to submit documentation within these timelines will be sufficient cause to exclude the student from school.

#### Exemptions from Immunization

Any and all exemptions will be processed and recorded on a Certificate of Exemption (COE) form as provided by the DOH Washington Department of Health.

The district will grant Exemptions from one or more vaccines ~~will be granted~~ for a medical reason upon certification by a licensed health care provider (LHCP) that there is a medical reason for not administering the vaccine.

The district will grant Exemptions for personal, philosophical or religious reasons ~~will be granted~~ upon request of the parent's/guardian's submission of a COE form, signed by an LHCP, stating. To request an exemption, a parent or guardian must submit a signed COE that the parent/guardian has either a philosophical, personal, or religious objection to the immunization of the child and the LHCP. Forms must include a statement to be signed by a health care practitioner stating that he or she provided the parent/guardian with information about the benefits and risks of immunization ~~to the child.~~ The LHCP may sign the COE form ~~may be signed by a health care practitioner at~~ any time prior to the district's enrollment of the child ~~in a school or licensed day care.~~ The district will accept a photocopy Photocopies of the signed COE form or a letter from the LHCP ~~health care practitioner will be accepted~~ in lieu of the original form.

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**If a COE states the Any parent/\_or legal-guardian is a member in a religious body or church with beliefs or teachings that preclude a child from receiving medical treatment from a LHCP, the LHCP's signature on the COE form is not required. of the child who exempts the child due to religious beliefs is not required to have a COE signed by a health care practitioner if the parent or legal guardian demonstrates on the COE membership in a religious body or a church in which the religious beliefs or teachings of the church preclude a health care practitioner from providing medical treatment to the child.**

The **district will mark the** permanent file of students **who have** with exemptions **will be marked** for easy identification should the local department of health order that exempted students be excluded from school temporarily during an outbreak or an epidemic.

If **the district does not receive a COE or CIS certificate of exemption is not received** upon the student's enrollment in school, the principal/**designee** will provide written notice to the parents/\_or-guardians informing them of:

- A. The immunization requirements;
- B. The potential **that the student will be denied** **denial-of** attendance **by the student if any missing immunization(s) and/or unless** documentation needed to complete the CIS are **not** provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the student's first day of attendance;
- C. The procedural due process rights; and
- D. The immunization services **that are** available.

## **Exclusion from School**

Following proper notification, the school will exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization laws, **subject pursuant** to the appeal **process** procedures for student expulsions ([Policy 3323](#), Long-Term Suspension and Expulsion). This notice will be delivered in person or by certified mail and will be provided to parents/guardians in their native language if feasible.

Parents/guardians have a right to a hearing, provided they notify the school within three (3) **business** days after receiving the exclusion order from the principal. If the parent/guardian requests a hearing, the **district will notify in writing the** parent/\_or guardian and principal **will be notified in writing** of the time and place for the hearing and will present the case to a hearing officer appointed by the superintendent/\_or designee.

Cross Reference:

[Board Policy 3413](#)

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