

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. The district will make the CIS and/or medically verified immunization record 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, the student's parent/guardian may submit evidence of having initiated an immunization schedule, which will provide the student "conditional admittance" status. Students may attend under conditional status for a limited time. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the student's first day of attendance, the parent/guardian must provide any missing immunization(s) and/or provide documentation needed to complete the CIS. If a student needs additional doses to complete a vaccine series, the student will remain in conditional admittance status for a maximum of thirty (30) calendar days after the next dose is due until the series is complete. 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.

The district will grant exemptions from one or more vaccines 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 upon the parent's/guardian's submission of a COE form as follows. If a COE states the parent/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 signature on the COA is not required. If the COE claims a religious reason but does not state that the parent/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 signature on the COA is required.

With the exception of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, the district will grant exemptions for philosophical or personal reasons upon the parent's/guardian's submission of a COE, signed by an LHCP, stating that the parent/guardian has ~~either~~ a philosophical, or personal, ~~or religious~~ objection to the immunization of the child and the LHCP provided the parent/guardian with information about the benefits and risks of immunization. The district will not grant an exemption for philosophical or personal reasons from the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. The LHCP may sign the COE form any time prior to the district's enrollment of the child. The district will accept a photocopy of the signed COE form or a letter from the LHCP in lieu of the original form.

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~~If a COE states the parent/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.~~

The district will mark the permanent file of students who have exemptions 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 upon the student's enrollment in school, the principal/designee will provide written notice to the parents/guardians informing them of:

- A. The immunization requirements;
- B. The potential that the student will be denied attendance unless documentation needed to complete the CIS are 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 available.

Exclusion from School

Following proper notification, the school will exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization laws, subject to the appeal procedures for student expulsions (~~Policy 3323, Long-Term Suspension and Expulsion~~ [Policy 3300 and Procedure 3300P, Student Discipline](#)).

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) days after receiving the exclusion order from the principal. If the parent/guardian requests a hearing, the district will notify in writing the parent/guardian and principal 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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