

Student Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions

General Immunization

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board requires students referred by member districts for ESD 123 cooperative program placement to present evidence of his/her having been immunized against diseases as required by the Washington State Board of Health before he/she may attend program.

Exemptions from Immunization

ESD 123 will allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.090.

Meningococcal Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution

ESD 123 will provide parents/guardians of students in sixth (6th) grade and above with information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine at the beginning of every school year. The information will address the characteristics of the disease; where to find additional information about the disease; vaccinations for children; and current recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccine.

Human Papillomavirus Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution

At the beginning of every school year, ESD 123 will provide to parents/guardians of sixth through twelfth-grade students, the information provided by the Washington State Department of Health about human papillomavirus virus (HPV) disease and its vaccine.

The information will include the causes and symptoms of human papillomavirus, how the disease is spread, the places where parents/guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children, and current recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease Control Prevention regarding the vaccine.

Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition will present a medication and treatment order from a Licensed Healthcare Provider (LHP) addressing the condition. A life-threatening health condition means a condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day if a medication and treatment order, providing authority to a registered nurse, and a nursing care plan is not in place. Following submission of the medication and treatment order, the registered nurse will develop the nursing care plan.

Students who have a life-threatening health condition and no medication or treatment order presented to the school will be excluded from school to the extent that the district can do so consistent with the federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and according to the due process requirements in ESD 123 Procedure 3413P.

Exclusion from Program

ESD 123 will exclude students only as allowed for by RCW 28A.210.120 and WAC 392-380-050.

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Reference:

[RCW 28A.210 Health—Screening and requirements](#)

[RCW 28A.310.180 ESD board—Compliance with rules and regulations—Depository and distribution center—Cooperative service programs, joint purchasing programs, and direct student service programs including pupil transportation.](#)

[WAC 246-105 Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases](#)

[WAC 392-182 Student—Health records](#)

[WAC 392-380 Public school pupils—Immunization requirement and life-threatening health condition](#)