

GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS

POLICY 3413: STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND LIFE-THREATENING HEALTH CONDITIONS

Immunizations

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 a student to present evidence of his/her having been immunized against diseases as required by [28A.210 RCW](#) and the Washington State Board of Health [246-105 WAC](#).

Exemptions from Immunization

The district shall allow for exemptions from immunization requirements only as allowed for by [RCW 28A.210.090](#) and [WAC 246-105-050](#).

Meningococcal Disease, Human Papilloma Virus Disease and Vaccine Information Distribution

The district will provide parents and guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal disease, human papilloma virus (HPV) disease and their vaccines at the beginning of every school year.

The information will include the causes and symptoms of meningococcal disease, human papilloma virus, how the diseases are 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 and 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 or 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 or treatment order, providing authority to a registered nurse and a nursing plan are not in place. Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a nursing plan will be developed.

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 federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and according to the following due process requirements:

- A. Written notice to the parents, guardians or persons in loco parentis delivered to the parents in person or by certified mail.
- B. Notice of the applicable laws, including a copy of the laws and rules.
- C. The order that the student will be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented.
- D. Explain the rights of the parents and student to a hearing, the hearing process and that the exclusion continues until the medication or treatment plan is presented or the hearing officer determines that the student should no longer be excluded from school.
- E. If the parents request a hearing, the district will schedule one within three school days of receiving the request, unless more time is requested by the parents.
- F. The hearing process will be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter 392-400 WAC.

Exclusion from School

The district will exclude students as required in [RCW 28A.210.120](#) from further presence at the school who are out of compliance with the immunization requirements and students with a life-threatening health condition as required in [WAC 392-380-045](#) who do not have a medication or treatment order in place. The superintendent will adopt procedures necessary to implement this policy.

Legal References:	Chapter 28A.210 RCW	Health — Screening and requirements
	WAC 246-105	Immunization of child care and school children against certain vaccine-preventable diseases
	392-182	Student — Health records
	392-380	Public school pupils - immunization

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