

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the superintendent shall implement procedures assuring that all school buildings are in compliance with state board of health rules and regulations regarding the presence of persons who have or have been exposed to infectious diseases deemed dangerous to the public health. Such procedures shall also prescribe the manner in which safeguards are taken to remove the danger to others.

The district shall require that the parents or guardian shall complete a medical history form at the beginning of each school year. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent of the need for further medical attention and to plan for potential health problems in school.

The board authorizes the school principal to exclude a student who has been diagnosed by a physician or is suspected of having an infectious disease in accordance with the regulations within the Infectious Disease Control Guide (SPI-1991). The principal and/or school nurse shall report the presence of suspected case or cases of reportable communicable disease to the appropriate local health authority as required by the State Board of Health. Such information concerning a student's present and past health condition shall be treated as confidential. The principal shall cooperate with the local health officials in the investigation of the source of the disease.

The fact that a student has been tested for a sexually transmitted disease, the test result, any information relating to the diagnosis or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease, and any information regarding drug or alcohol treatment for a student must be kept strictly confidential. If the district has a release, the information may be disclosed pursuant to the restrictions in the release.

A school principal has the authority to send an ill child home without the concurrence of the local health officer, but if the disease is reportable, the local health officer must be notified. The local health officer is the primary resource in the identification and control of infectious disease in community and school.

Legal References:

RCW 28A.210.010 Contagious diseases, limiting contact--Rules and regulations

WAC 246-110 School districts and day care centers--Contagious diseases

WAC 246-100-071 Responsibility for reporting and cooperating with the local health department

WAC 246-100-076 Reportable diseases and conditions

RCW 70.02 Medical records--health care information access and disclosure

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**Deleted:** Prior to attendance at school, each child with a potentially life-threatening health condition shall present a medication or treatment order 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 nursing plan are not in place. Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a nursing plan shall be developed.¶

**Deleted:** Students who have a life-threatening health condition and no medication or treatment order presented to the school shall 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 Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and pursuant to the following due process requirements:¶

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The order that the student shall be excluded from school immediately and until a medication or treatment order is presented.

Describe the right of the parents and student to a hearing, the hearing process and explain 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.

If the parents request a hearing, the district shall schedule one within three school days of receiving the request, unless the parents request more time.

The hearing process shall be consistent with the procedures established for disciplinary cases pursuant to Chapter 180-40 WAC.

Cross References:

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| Board Policy 2161<br>Eligible    | Special Education and Related Services for<br>Students |
| Board Policy 2162<br>Section 504 | Education of Students with Disabilities under          |

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| Ch. 101, Laws of 2002<br>Conditions | Children with Life-Threatening Health   |
| WAC 180-38-040-0-65<br>Conditions   | Immunization and Life-Threatening Health                                      |
| 246-100-166<br>Children Against     | Immunization of Child Care and School<br>Certain Vaccine-Preventable Diseases |
| 392-182                             | Health Records  |

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