

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STUDENTS
BOARD POLICY 5438
STUDENT IMMUNIZATION

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 being immunized against the following diseases as recommended by the State Board of Health: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella for children and haemophilus influenza type b disease. A student satisfies the measles requirement upon a physician's verification that the student has had measles (rubeola). The district will allow for exemptions from immunization requirements as permissible under Washington state law.

A child attending school, preschool, or child care is required by law to be fully immunized at the ages and intervals consistent with the requirements. If a child does not have a required immunization he or she must be in the process of getting immunized or have an exemption from the immunization(s). A parent or legal guardian must provide to the school a completed and signed Certificate of Immunization Status. In addition, a child with an exemption from any required immunization(s) must submit a completed and signed Certificate of Exemption.

If a student has not received any or all of the required immunizations, the student shall submit evidence of the initiation of an immunization schedule and shall be placed in a conditional status. A child in this status may attend school or child care while in the process of making satisfactory progress toward completion of immunization requirements.

A student who is not completely immunized can be temporarily excluded from school during the duration of a communicable disease outbreak if so directed by the department of health.

A student out of compliance with immunization requirements shall be excluded from attending school or child care until the legal requirements of the law are met. The principal shall provide written notice to the parent or guardian informing them of the immunization requirements, denial of further attendance by the student, procedural due process rights, and immunization services available.

Following proper notification, the school shall exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization law pursuant to the appeal process procedures for student exclusions. Parents shall have the right to a hearing provided they notify the school within 3 days after receiving the exclusion order from the school principal. If a parent requests a hearing, the parent or guardian and school principal shall be notified in writing of the time and place for the hearing and shall present the case to a hearing officer appointed by the superintendent.

Meningococcal Immunization Information

The district shall provide parents and guardians of students in sixth grade and above with information about meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year. The information shall address the characteristics of the disease; where to find additional information about the disease; vaccinations for children; and current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding receiving the vaccine.

Human Papillomavirus Disease Information

At the beginning of every school year, from sixth through twelfth grade, the district will provide parents and guardians with information, provided by the state Department of Health about human papillomavirus disease and its vaccine.

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

Children and Youth in Transition

Students who meet the definition of homeless as outlined in the McKinney-Vento law are not to be excluded due to lack of immunization records. The student's family will be assisted in accessing records and/or required immunizations.

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