



STUDENTS

5141.22(a)

Communicable/Infectious Diseases

The board of education recognizes its responsibilities to provide children in district to a free and appropriate public education. The board of education shall establish by regulation reasonable health requirements as prerequisites to admission or attendance including the requirement that students undergo physical examination prior to admission.

Where it can be medically established that a student suffers from a serious infectious disease and there is a significant risk of transmission of the disease to others due to the nature of the disease or personal characteristics of the student carrier, it may be appropriate to exclude the student from the regular classroom. The determination of exclusion of any student will be made on a case by case basis with the appropriate procedural due process safeguards. However, where the risk of transmission is relatively low or appropriate procedures can be adopted to reduce the risk of transmission exclusion is not warranted.

A child with an infectious disease may qualify as having a disability if the condition presents such physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Therefore, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992 or The American with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA) may apply. The parent, guardian, qualified student or the school administration may make a referral for determination for eligibility and entitled to protection under Section 504. The Planning and Placement Team will conduct a comprehensive evaluation to determine whether the student is eligible as a student with a disability or is "being regarded as" having an impairment within the meaning of Section 504. The student will be educated in the least restrictive environment. Section 504 prohibits discrimination against qualified persons with a disability.

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Exclusion Procedures

If it is determined that the interest of the student and the school is better served that student with a communicable or infectious disease is excluded, procedural safeguards will establish such by extensive medical evidence which shall include, but not limited to:

1. The nature of the disease.
2. Whether transmission may be controlled.
3. Whether the personal characteristics of the student involved are such that exclusion of the affected student from the regular classroom is clearly necessary to protect the health of other students.
4. As medical knowledge and circumstances may change rapidly, the school board administrator will monitor current medical information and assess the student's medical condition and the school's ability to accommodate that student in light of the most current medical information. New facts may warrant a different result from the one previously reached.
5. Where the student or student's parent object to the board's decision to exclude that student, the board of education will provide a hearing to adjudicate pertinent facts concerning the exclusion.

Medical Intervention

The school nurse or medical advisor will establish guidelines which will provide simple, effective precautions against transmission of communicable disease for all students and staff. Universal precautions will be used to clean up after a student has an accident or injury at school. Blood or bodily fluids emanating from any student should be treated cautiously. Such guidelines will be reviewed regularly in light of medical advances. Necessary reports will be made to health authorities consistent with state law.

If emergency exclusion of a student is warranted, regulation will provide procedures to take care of the emergency situation.

Consideration will be given to temporarily removal of a student from school, if in the school population, a disease, flu, cold or childhood disease might negatively impact the infected student's health. Students with infectious diseases may be temporarily removed from school when that student is acutely ill.

Planned and ongoing educational programs will be provided during the school day so that students, staff and the public are better informed of the risk and prevention of transmission of communicable diseases. The school nurse or other medical staff will be available to assist in any problem resolution, answer questions and coordinate services provided by other staff.

Confidentiality

The privacy rights of students with a communicable disease shall be strictly observed by school staff. No person who obtains confidential related medical information may disclose or be compelled to disclose such information except to the following:

1. The protected student or parent.
2. Any person who secures a release of the confidential related information. "Electronic consent is permitted as long as it (1) identifies and authenticates a particular person as the source of the electronic consent, and (2) indicates such person's approval of the information contained in the electronic content." 34 C.F.R. 99.30
3. A federal, state or local officer when such disclosure is mandated or authorized by federal state law.
4. A health care provider or health facility when knowledge of the related information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals and when confidential related information is already recorded in the medical chart or record or health provider has access to such records for the purpose of providing medical care to that student.

When confidential information relating to communicable disease is disclosed, it should be accompanied by a statement in writing which shall include the following similar language:

"This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by state law. State law prohibits you from making any further disclosure without the specific written consent of the student or legal guardian to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by law. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is not sufficient for this purpose."

A notation of all such disclosure shall be placed in the medical record or with any record related to a communicable disease test results of a protected student. Any person who willfully violates the provisions of this law will be liable in a private cause of action for injuries suffered as result of such violation. Damages may be assessed in the amount sufficient to compensate said student for such injury.

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HEALTH REASONS FOR EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL

<u>ACUTE GASTROENTERITIS:</u>	Vomiting – 2 or more times during the previous 24 hours During schools hours after assessment by nurse (to determine cause) Diarrhea – 2 or more times during previous 24 hours or if the stool cannot be contained by toilet use or diapers.
<u>CONJUNCTIVITIS: (Pink eye)</u>	Exclusion until 24 hours after the start of medication therapy
<u>CONSTANT COUGH:</u>	If a student coughs constantly and disruptively, he should be at <u>home until cough is controlled. (Nurse must assess and make the decision)</u>
<u>ERYTHEMA INFECTIONOSUM:</u>	NO EXCLUSION (Fifth Disease)
<u>FEVER:</u>	100 degrees or greater, student to remain at home until he/she has 24 hours <u>FREE</u> of fever (Afebrile). Temperature must be within normal limits without the use of medication.
<u>FLU SYMPTOMS:</u>	Fever (Greater than 100°F or 37.7°C) Sore Throat, Cough, Body Aches, vomiting, or diarrhea Student/Staff to be out for 7 days from onset of symptoms or until symptoms are gone for 24 hours
<u>HEPATITIS A:</u>	Exclusion 1 week after onset of illness and/or resolution of jaundice (yellow skin color). Physician note required for school re-entry (NO EXCEPTIONS)
<u>HEPATITIS B:</u>	NO EXCLUSION unless unusually aggressive behavior is (ex. Biting) present.
<u>HEPATITIS C:</u>	NO EXCLUSION unless unusually aggressive behavior is (ex. Biting) present.
<u>HERPES SIMPLEX:</u> (Oral, cold sores, fever blisters)	NO EXCLUSION
<u>HERPES ZOSTER:</u>	NO EXCLUSION (Areas are to be covered). If areas unable to (Varicella-Zoster, Shingles) be covered, exclusion 7 days after onset of rash or until all areas have crusted.

<u>IMPETIGO:</u>	Exclusion until 24 hours after the start of medication therapy and until purulent drainage can be controlled.
<u>MEASLES (Rubeola):</u>	Exclusion 7 days after onset of rash. Note from physician or School nurse required before re-entry to school.
<u>MONONUCLEOSIS:</u>	Physician to determine if exclusion necessary for health and convalescence of student. Physician note required for activity limitations at school.
<u>MRSA</u>	Exclusion until under treatment. Open sores must be covered.
<u>MUMPS:</u>	Exclusion until 9 days after onset of Parotitis (Inflammation and swelling of parotid gland). Physician note required for school re-entry.
<u>PEDICULOSIS:</u> (Head Lice)	Exclusion until after treatment and nit (egg) free. Parent/adult <u>MUST</u> accompany student to school for re-entry. The school nurse <u>MUST</u> examine student before school re-entry
<u>PERTUSSIS:</u> (Whooping Cough)	Exclusion 3 weeks after onset of disease or 5 days after start of medication. Physician note required for school re-entry.
<u>POISON IVY</u>	Exclusion depends on the individual case. If the weeping is very obvious and extensive, the child should be under treatment and the affected parts covered so that there would be no possible spread to other children.
<u>RUBELLA:</u> (German Measles)	Exclusion 7 days after onset of rash. Physician note or exam by school nurse required for school re-entry.
<u>SCABIES:</u>	Exclusion until treatment completed (usually 24 hours)
<u>SCARLET FEVER:</u> (Scarletina)	Exclusion until 24 hours after start of medication therapy
<u>STREPTOCOCCAL PHARYNGITIS:</u> (Strep. Throat)	Exclusion 24 hours after start of medication therapy
<u>TINEA CORPORIS:</u> (Ring Worm)	Areas must be covered during school hours. Exclusion until 24 hours after start of medication. NO CONTACT SPORTS (i.e. wrestling) until cleared.

TINEA CAPITUS:
(Ring Worm of the scalp)

Exclusion until 24 hours after start of medication therapy

TUBERCULOSIS:
(Active)

Exclusion until physician and/or health director state that student is not contagious.

TUBERCULOSIS:
(Contact)

NO EXCLUSION. Situation will be re-evaluated if Student doesn't follow through with diagnostic procedures and prophylaxis, if ordered

VARICELLA:
(Chicken Pox)

Exclusion 7 days after onset of rash and/or until all areas have crusted. Physician note or exam by school nurse required for school re-entry. If treated with Zovirax (Acyclovir), physician note required for re-entry stating that Zovirax/Acyclovir ordered.

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