

Policy Title:

Communicable Diseases – Students

Code No. **504.2**

Students with a communicable disease will be allowed to attend school provided their presence does not create a substantial risk of illness or transmission to other students or employees. The term "communicable disease" will mean an infectious or contagious disease spread from person to person, or animal to person, or as defined by law. Parents of a student with a communicable disease should inform the school nurse about the communicable disease so the appropriate measures may be taken. Health information of a student is confidential and shall not be disclosed except as provided by law.

Prevention and control of communicable diseases is included in the school district's bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan. The procedures will include scope and application, definitions, exposure control, methods of compliance, universal precautions, vaccination, post-exposure evaluation, follow-up, communication of hazards to employees and record keeping. This plan is reviewed annually by the superintendent and school nurse.

The health risk to immunodepressed students is determined by their personal physician. The health risk to others in the school district environment from the presence of a student with a communicable disease is determined on a case-by-case basis by the student's personal physician, a physician chosen by the school district and/or public health officials.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent or designee, in conjunction with the provider of nursing services, to develop administrative regulations stating the procedures for dealing with students with a communicable disease.

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