

Dell Rapids School District #49-3

Policies and Regulations Code: JHCC – Students



JHCC STUDENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Board of Education recognizes the need and right of all children to receive free and appropriate education. The Board of Education further recognizes its responsibility to provide a healthy environment for students and school employees.

The determination of whether an infected student be excluded from the classroom or school activities shall be made on a case by case basis, under the direction of the building principal.

In situations where the decision requires additional knowledge and expertise, the principal will refer the case to a team for assistance in the decision making. The team may be composed of:

1. Representation from the State Health Department;
2. The student's physician;
3. The student's parents or guardian(s);
4. The school principal;
5. The school nurse;
6. The superintendent or designee;
7. The student's teacher(s) and other appropriate school personnel.

In making the determination, the team shall consider:

1. The behavior, development level, and medical condition of the student;
2. The expected type(s) of interaction with others in the school setting;
3. The impact on both the infected student and others in that setting;
4. The South Dakota Department of Health guidelines and policies, and
5. The recommendation of the State Health Department, which may be controlling.

If the district has reasonable cause to believe that a student is an infected individual, an appropriate medical evaluation of the student may be required.

If an infected student is not permitted to attend classes or participate in school activities, the district will provide the student with an appropriate education program.

Public information will not be revealed about students who may be infected. If the student is permitted to remain in the school setting, appropriate information will be provided to school employees who have regular contact with the student.

Health guidelines for school attendance are established and interpreted within the context of the case. The guidelines are not inclusive but are available to be used as a resource. School personnel will refer to school health professionals for specific judgments in interpreting the guidelines.

LEGAL REFS.:

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