

Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling Body Fluids)

All schools must provide a sanitary environment and must establish routines, recommended by appropriate health professionals, for handling body fluids.

All school district personnel must be advised of and follow routine procedures regarding handling body fluids. These procedures must provide simple and effective precautions against transmission of diseases to persons potentially exposed to the blood or body fluids of another. These procedures must be standard health and safety practices developed in consultation with medical personnel. No distinction may be made between body fluids from individuals with a known disease and individuals without symptoms or with an undiagnosed disease.

The procedures must be published as school district regulations and distributed to all staff on a regular basis. Training and appropriate supplies must be available to all personnel including those involved in transportation and custodial services.

In addition to ensuring that these health and safety practices are carried out on a district-wide basis, special emphasis must be placed in those areas of school district operation that potentially present a greater need for these precautions. Under no circumstances may students be directed or knowingly be allowed to handle body fluids other than their own.

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