

PREVENTION OF DISEASE/INFECTION TRANSMISSION

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for a healthful school environment.

The board is committed to providing a healthful environment for all students and employees. To prevent disease transmission and promote a healthy educational/social environment in the district, the board has adopted and the district has implemented a model exposure-control plan based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for all employees. This plan includes appropriate training for all employees as well as universal precautions that all employees must take when dealing with blood and other bodily fluids. A copy of the plan is on file in the office of the superintendent.

When the district takes action with respect to students or employees found to have a communicable disease, such action will be consistent with rights afforded individuals under state and federal statutory, regulatory and Constitutional provisions. The district will treat each case on an individual basis.

The district will continue to revise and update its policy and procedures in accordance with policy changes through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

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Legal references:

- A. South Carolina Code, 1976, as amended:
 - 1. Section 44-29-200 – Attendance of teachers or pupils with contagious or infectious disease may be prohibited.
 - 2. Section 44-29-135(f) – Confidentiality of sexually transmitted disease records.
 - 3. Section 59-10-220 – Adoption and notification of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations on universal precautions for bloodborne disease exposure.
- B. Federal Regulations:
 - 1. U. S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, CFR 1910.134 – Respiratory protection.
 - 2. U.S. Occupational Safety and Health administration, CFR 1910.1030 – Bloodborne pathogens.
- C. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Regulations:
 - 1. R-61-20 – Communicable diseases