INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Baldy View Regional Occupational Program Commission desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students. The Commission recognizes that prevention and education are the most effective means of limiting the spread of infectious diseases.

Universal Precautions

Students and staff shall observe Universal Precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of the precautions to be used in cases of exposure to blood or other body fluids through injury, accident, or classroom instruction.

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

Students with Infectious Diseases

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students only in accordance with law, commission policy, and administrative regulation. Because bloodborne pathogens such as Hepatitis B Virus, Hepatitis C Virus, and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
48210-48216 Persons excluded
49073-49079 Privacy of pupil records
49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of pupils
49405 Smallpox control
49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)
49408 Information of use in emergencies
49602 Confidentiality of student information
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 1, Section 1 Right to Privacy
CIVIL CODE
56-56.37 Confidentiality of Medical Information Act
1798-1798.76 Information Practices Act
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
120230 Exclusion for communicable disease
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases
120875-120895 AIDS information
120975-121022 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
5193 California bloodborne pathogens standard
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
2500-2511 Communicable disease reporting requirements
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45
164.500-164.534 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
COURT DECISIONS
Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1987) 662 F.Supp. 376

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Saving Lives: AIDS Issues for California Schools 1994, rev. 2006
Avian Influenza, Governance and Policy Services Fact Sheet, April 2006
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
California Department of Public Health: http://www.cdph.ca.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov
Contra Costa County Office of Education, Pandemic Flu Resources:
http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/about/flu/resources_flu_action_kit
U.S. Government Pandemic Flu Information: http://www.pandemicflu.gov