

Salinas City Elementary School District

Students

Policy #5141.22

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Governing Board desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether to admit a student with an infectious disease, and shall exclude students only in accordance with law. In making this determination, he/she shall consult the student's parents/guardians, the student's physician and/or the county health department, in accordance with law and consistent with confidentiality provisions. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the sole presence of bloodborne pathogens is not sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality rights are strictly observed in accordance with law. No district employee shall release medical information, including knowledge of a bloodborne pathogen infection, without written consent from the parent/guardian or adult student. Such information shall be shared only with those persons specifically named in the written permission.

The Board requires students and staff to routinely observe universal precautions to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of all infectious disease.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's health education program provides information about the nature of bloodborne pathogens and their transmission.

Reference: Ca Constitution Article 1, Section 1; Adopted: April 10, 2000
CIVIL CODE 56-56.37, 1798-1798.76; EC 48210-214, 49073-076, 49403, 49405, 406, 408,
EC 49451, 49602; HEALTH & SAFETY CODE 120230, 120325-380, 120875-895, 120975-
120120, 121475-520; CALIF CODE OF REGS, TITLE 8 5193; U.S. CODE TITLE 29 794; COURT
DECISIONS;

WEB SITES: CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>; Calif. Dept. Health Svcs:
<http://www.dhs.ca.gov>; Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:
<http://www.cdc.gov>; NSBA, School Health Programs:
<http://www.nsba.org/schoolhealth/>

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