

## Title: Exclusion for Communicable Diseases

Students with communicable diseases are to be excluded from school for the period of time that their condition may endanger the health of others (as determined by Iowa Department of Public Health guidelines and/or the student's health care provider.) The term "communicable disease" shall mean an infectious or contagious disease spread from person to person or animal to person or as defined by the Iowa Department of Public Health or law.

The health risk to students shall be determined by their personal physician. The health risk to others in the District environment from the presence of a student with a communicable disease shall be determined on a case by case basis by the student's personal health care provider, a health care provider chosen by the District, and/or public health officials.

Since there may be greater risks of transmission of a communicable disease for some persons with certain conditions than for other persons infected with the same disease, these special conditions, the risk of transmission of the disease, the effect upon the educational program, the effect upon the student and other students and staff, and other factors deemed relevant by public health officials and/or the Superintendent shall be considered in assessing the student's continued attendance at school. The Superintendent may require medical evidence that students with a communicable disease are able to attend school.

A parent/guardian who is aware that their child was in attendance at school with a communicable disease shall report the condition to a school employee. When a District employee reports to the principal that a student may have a potential communicable disease, it is the responsibility of the principal or health personnel to attempt to acquire confirmation from a physician. Upon confirmation, the principal or health personnel will complete the Disease Reporting Card and/or contact the Public Health Department in accordance with law.

Based on the type of communicable disease, the District may seek direction from the Public Health Department as to how to proceed and what communication or precautions need to occur. Appropriate hygienic practices as set forth in Universal Precautions shall be followed.

## Cross References:

408, 408.1, 516.1, 516.2

## Legal References:

Iowa Code, Chapter 139 A Sections 279.8, 282.3; 641 I.A.C. Chapter 1

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