

Policy 5141.22 Infectious Diseases

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The Governing Board desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing a high-quality education for all students. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state health officials to develop and regularly update a comprehensive plan for disease prevention that promotes preventative measures, mitigation, education, communication, and training of students and staff. All measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases shall be nondiscriminatory and ensure that equity is promoted.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review resources available from health experts to ensure that district programs and operations are based on the most up-to-date information.

The district's comprehensive health education program shall provide age-appropriate information about the nature and symptoms of communicable diseases, their transmission, and how to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

If the local health officer notifies the district of an outbreak of a communicable disease, or the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, the district shall take any action that the health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the disease. The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws in regard to any such information received from the local health officer. (Health and Safety Code 120175.5)

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

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.

Students with Infectious Diseases

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students from on-campus instruction only in accordance with law, Board 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.

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 exposure to other diseases in the school setting. If necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the local health official of any potential

outbreak. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality and privacy rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

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Policy Reference Disclaimers

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

17 CCR 2500-2511
 8 CCR 5193
 CA Constitution Article 1, Section 1
 Civ. Code 1798-1798.78
 Civ. Code 56-56.37
 Ed. Code 48210-48216
 Ed. Code 49060-49069.7
 Ed. Code 49073-49079
 Ed. Code 49403

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[Communicable disease reporting requirements](#)
 Bloodborne pathogens
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[Information Practices Act](#)
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[AIDS information](#)
[Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health](#)
[Tuberculosis tests for students](#)
 Description
 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504
 Privacy of individually identifiable health information
 Description
 Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014
 Publication
 Court Decision
 Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District (1986) 662 F.Supp. 376

Ed. Code 49405
 Ed. Code 49406
 Ed. Code 49408
 Ed. Code 49602
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 H&S Code 120175.5
 H&S Code 120230
 H&S Code 120325-120380
 H&S Code 120875-120895
 H&S Code 120975-121023

 H&S Code 121475-121520
 Federal
 20 USC 1232g
 20 USC 1400-1482
 29 USC 794
 45 CFR 164.500-164.534
 Management Resources
 California Department of Education
 Publication
 Court Decision

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
Publication
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School District (K-12) Pandemic Influenza Planning
Checklist
[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)
[California Department of Education](#)
[California Department of Public Health](#)
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
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