

Bartlett City Board of Education		6008
Descriptor Term: STUDENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	Descriptor Code: Student Services	Issue Date: 06/23/2014
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1 A “communicable disease” is an illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products which is
2 transmitted directly or indirectly to a well person from an infected person or animal, or through the
3 agency of an intermediate animal host, vector, or inanimate environment.¹ No student shall be
4 denied an education solely because of a communicable disease, and his/her educational
5 program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting the
6 disease.

7 Parents or guardians of infected students shall inform appropriate school officials of the infection
8 so that proper precautions for the protection of other students, employees, and the infected
9 student shall be taken.

10 No student with a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either
11 himself/herself or other individuals shall enter or remain in the regular school setting.² If a school
12 Principal has reason to believe a student has a communicable disease which may endanger the
13 health of either himself/herself or other individuals in the regular school setting, the Principal shall:

- 14 1. Notify the Coordinated School Health Specialist;
- 15 2. Assign the student to a setting which will protect other students, employees and the student
16 himself; or
- 17 3. Exclude the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician or the
18 Shelby County Health Department by either the parent or Principal stating that the
19 disease is no longer communicable.

20 If the Principal has reason to believe that the student has a communicable disease identified by
21 the Tennessee Department of Health’s Reportable Disease List, the Principal shall require
22 confirmation from a physician or the Shelby County Health Department as to the student’s
23 condition. If the student is confirmed to have a communicable disease, the Principal shall exclude
24 the student from school until all readmission procedures are completed in accordance with the
25 recommendations of the State Department of Health.³

¹ TRR/MS 1200-14-01-.01

² T.C.A. §49-2-203(b)(2); TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(c)

³ TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(c)