# Liberty Union High School District
**Board Policy**

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The Governing Board recognizes its dual responsibility to protect the health of students from risks posed by infectious diseases and to uphold the right of students to a free and appropriate education. The district requires all staff to routinely observe universal precautions to prevent exposure to blood borne pathogens and prevent the spread of all infectious disease.

The admission of a student with a disease that is contagious within the school setting shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with standard procedures. The district shall exclude students only in accordance with law.

**Students with Bloodborne Pathogen Infections**
The Board recognizes that human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis B virus (HBV) are bloodborne pathogens and not casually transmitted. Children with blood borne pathogen infections are entitled to attend school and receive a free and appropriate public education. 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 HIV/AIDS so that school staff may keep the student's parents/guardians informed of any outbreak of disease at school. The district will work cooperatively with the student's parent/guardian and physician to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting.

The Board desires to be supportive of students infected with bloodborne pathogens and to help their families cope with difficulties they may face. The Board believes that schools can play an important role in educating the school community about the nature of bloodborne pathogens and alleviating fears about their transmission.

Legal Reference:
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
EDUCATION CODE
48210-48214 Persons excluded
49073-49075 Privacy of pupil records
49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order
49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of students
49405 Smallpox control
49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)
49408 Information of use in emergencies
49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy
49451 Parent's refusal to consent to medical exam
49602 Confidentiality of student information
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
120975
120980 Unauthorized disclosures
121010 Disclosure to certain persons without written consent
121075-121125
120230 re exclusion for communicable disease
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act
1400 et seq. Education for All Handicapped Children