

<b>Students</b>	<b>Knox County Board of Education</b>		
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Any student who is infected with or suspected of having measles, rubella, mumps, chicken pox and other illnesses designated by the local health officer shall be excluded from school. The parent/legal guardian of the student shall inform the appropriate school official to ensure that precautions can be implemented.

In the event a student is suspected of having a communicable disease, school personnel shall:

1. Follow the recommendations of the local health officer or other designee.
2. Exclude the student from school until medical documentation is obtained from a licensed health care provider stating the illness is no longer communicable.
3. Notification of Knox County Schools Health Services.

Periodic medical examinations may be requested for any student who is confirmed to have a long-term communicable disease. Students diagnosed with long-term communicable disease shall be referred to Homebound Services.

A student shall not be denied an education solely because of his/her diagnosis. The student’s educational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize health risk.

Information including names, records, reports, and/or correspondence and any other identifying information for any individual student shall be maintained in confidence.

All health care providers and other persons knowing of a suspected case of a reportable disease or event shall report that occurrence to the Tennessee Department of Health in the time and manner required in the “List of Reportable Disease and Reporting Mechanisms” as set forth by the Commissioner.

**Universal Precautions**

All school district personnel shall be advised of routine procedures to follow in handling body fluids. These procedures shall provide simple and effective precautions against transmission of diseases to persons potentially exposed to the blood or other body fluids of another individual. These procedures shall be standard health and safety practices and will be applied universally.

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Legal References:

1. TRR § 0520-01-13-.01.
2. TRR § 1200-14-01-.24.

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