

**Policy Statement #1520 (Administration) of the Board of Education
Regarding Communicable Disease**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To provide guidance and direction for students and staff when they are infected with, exposed to, or in the proximity of a known communicable disease.
- II. Definitions
 - A. Communicable disease – an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic products that arises through the transmission of that agent from an infected person, animal, or inanimate reservoir to a susceptible host. Disease - An impairment of health or a condition of abnormal functioning
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. The Calvert County Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide educational programs and services for all children residing in Calvert County. It further recognizes its responsibility to protect the health and safety of all students and staff.
 - B. Illnesses caused by communicable diseases are some of the most common causes of absenteeism. Therefore, an effective approach to the prevention of communicable diseases may reduce absenteeism. Prevention and control of communicable diseases are recognized as shared responsibilities of students, parents/guardians and CCPS staff.
 - C. With appropriate assistance from the Calvert County Health Department, processes shall be established to assist school personnel in preventing and/or controlling the spread of communicable diseases and in promoting healthy school environments.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
 - A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
 - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state, and federal laws and regulations and the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of three years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective August 13, 2026.

Citations

State Law: §§ 7-401 and 7-406 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

State Reg.: COMAR 13A.05.05.05; COMAR 13A.05.05.06B (1); COMAR 13A.05.05.07E; COMAR 10.06.01

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation:

Related CCPS Policies:

1525 – Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control

Administration 1520

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Reviewed without any changes:

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