

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Educational opportunities for students who are infected with a communicable disease, such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus or Hepatitis B Virus, shall be protected. This shall include, health permitting, attendance in regular class settings with all rights, privileges, and services which are provided to other students. When health does not permit regular class attendance, a communicable disease may be considered disability and education may be provided following the rules and procedures of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Other adaptations and accommodations may be made as needed on a case by case basis.

Confidentiality regarding any communicable disease shall be maintained. Disease status is not disclosed without the consent of the parent/guardian to any third party. Records regarding these communicable diseases are kept separate from other school records in a secure location. The rights of the individual to privacy must be assured at all times.

It is the responsibility of county and state health officers and/or physicians to notify proper authorities of the existence of a communicable disease. Follow-up by the school district is under the guidance of the State Health Department and/or the individual physician.

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