

COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Superintendent and/or school building administrators will consult as needed with local health department officials for specific measures in handling suspected cases of communicable disease or exposure through close contact. School officials will cooperate with the local health department to institute appropriate measures to control or eliminate the spread of a disease in the school population. This may include contact tracing, the recommendation for closure of school or exclusion of susceptible persons from school activities. Possible exclusion cases will be individually examined by the principal and school nurse and such other persons as may be appointed by the superintendent. In the event of a need to exclude a student from school for more than fourteen (14) days, the principal and/or superintendent shall make a recommendation to the board who shall make the final decision.

If in the judgment of the school building administrator there is a reasonable risk of the student transmitting the disease to others, including students who have been exposed through close contact, the school building administrator may exclude the student from class and/or school activities for up to fourteen (14) days and may require that the student be examined by a physician designated by the district. The school building administrator may require a written statement of health from the physician in order for the affected or exposed student to re-enter class or school activities. In the event of a need to exclude a student from school for more than fourteen (14) consecutive school days, the principal and/or superintendent shall make a recommendation to the board who shall make the final decision.

Criteria will be established to determine whether a student with or exposed to a communicable, contagious and/or infectious disease, including common childhood diseases, will be permitted to attend classes and/or participate in school activities. All cases will be reviewed on an individual basis, with consideration given for the infected/exposed student's health and safety as well as for the health and safety of other students and employees.

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If it is determined that a student will not be permitted to attend classes and/or participate in school activities for a period of time, arrangements will be made to provide an alternative educational program during said time.

Records of a student who has a communicable, contagious, and/or infectious disease, other than a common childhood disease, will be kept confidential and the name of the individual will not be revealed publicly. Information regarding the child and the disease or infectious condition/exposure will be released to those school personnel needing to be aware of the condition for health and safety purposes.

In the case of any decision to exclude a student made by the building administrator, the decision may be appealed to the superintendent who shall review the matter and render a decision within three (3) school days.

The District will report to Public Health, all sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) as required by the State Health Department.

W.S. 21-4-102(a) (i)
W.S. 21-4-307(a) (ii)

See also policies:

JLCA - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Procedure/Protocol

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