

Infectious Diseases

The Governing Board desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students. The Board recognizes that prevention and education are the most effective means of limiting the spread of infectious diseases.

Infectious Disease Prevention

The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians and local health agencies and organizations to develop a comprehensive approach to disease prevention that promotes preventative measures and education of students and staff.

- (cf. 1020 - Youth Services)
- (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
- (cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
- (cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
- (cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

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

- (cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions form Attendance)

Universal Precautions

Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

- (cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
- (cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of the precautions to be used in cases of exposure to blood or other body fluids through injury, accident, or classroom instruction.

- (cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
- (cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Students with Infectious Diseases

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48214 Persons excluded

49073-49075 Privacy of pupil records

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

49602 Confidentiality of student information

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120230 Exclusion for communicable disease

120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases

120875-120895 AIDS information
120975-121020 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8
5193 Bloodborne pathogen standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
2500-2511 Communicable disease reporting requirements

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45
164.500-164.534 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

COURT DECISIONS
Phipps v. Saddleback Valley Unified School District, (1988) 204 Cal. App. 3d 1110
Doe v. Belleville Public School District, (1987) 672 F.Supp. 342
Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1987) 662 F.Supp. 376

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>
CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
California Department of Health Services: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov>
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>
NSBA, School Health Programs: <http://www.nsba.org/schoolhealth/>

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