

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3	NEPN Code: JLCC
STUDENT POLICIES & REGULATIONS	

STUDENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The School Board recognizes the importance of protecting the privacy rights of students who have a communicable disease. Therefore, the confidentiality of the infected student will be protected in the following manner: health information related to the disease will be released only when the student's parent or guardian or the student, if of legal age, has given written permission, or if it is ordered to be released by the court. The information will be released only to those persons determined by the Superintendent to have a direct need to know.

The decision as to whether an infected student should be excluded from school or school activities shall be made on a case by case basis under the direction of the building principal after consultation with the County Health Nurse.

In situations where the Advisory Committee must make a decision, the principal will refer the case to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will be responsible for convening the Advisory Committee with a membership, which will include the following:

1. Superintendent
2. County Health Nurse
3. Building Principal

The Advisory Committee, when appropriate, may also consult the following:

1. SD Communicable Disease Advisory Staff
2. The student's personal physician
3. The student's parents or guardian(s)
4. Teachers or other appropriate school personnel
5. Other medical personnel as deemed necessary

The Advisory Committee shall consider the following in their deliberations:

1. Type and severity of the communicable disease
2. Guideline recommendations
3. Potential risk to the infected student and other students and staff members
4. Expected type(s) of interaction with others in the school setting
5. Physical condition of the student

If it is determined that the student will not be permitted to attend a class and/or participate in school activities, arrangements will be made to provide an alternative education program.

If an infected student remains in school, staff members assigned to work with the student will be given instructions by the County Health Nurse in the appropriate handling of blood and body fluids. The County Health Nurse will provide information regarding recommended hygiene measures to be observed and practiced when dealing with any communicable diseases in order to maintain a healthy environment.

Guidelines to be used in the administration of the policy have been written, and are to be used by the building principal and the Advisory Committee in making decisions regarding school attendance or exclusion. Specific needs of individual cases will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

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