

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases the Superintendent or designee will implement procedures assuring that all school buildings are in compliance with State Board of Health rules and regulations regarding the presence of persons who have or have been exposed to infectious diseases deemed dangerous to the public health. Such procedures will also prescribe the steps to remove the danger to others.

The district will require that the parent/guardian complete a medical history form at the beginning of each school year. The school building nurse will use this information to advise the parent/guardian (as defined by WAC --) of the need for further medical attention and to plan for potential health problems in school.

The Superintendent or designee authorizes the building principal to exclude a student who has been diagnosed by a licensed health care provider (LHP) or is suspected of having an infectious disease in accordance with the regulations within the most current, *Infectious Disease Control Guide for School Staff*, provided by the Clallam County Department of Health and/or Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The building principal and/or school building nurse will report the presence of suspected case or cases of reportable communicable disease to the appropriate local health authority as required by the State Board of Health. The district and its staff members will treat all information concerning a student's present and past health condition as confidential. The building principal and/or nurse will cooperate with the local health officials in the investigation of the source of the disease.

The fact that a student has been tested for a sexually transmitted disease, the test result, any information relating to the diagnosis or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease, and any information regarding drug or alcohol treatment for a student must be kept strictly confidential. If the district receives authorization to release information, the district will disclose information pursuant to the restrictions in the release.

The building principal or designee has the authority to send an ill student home without the concurrence of the local health officer, but if the disease is reportable, the district will notify the local health officer. The local health officer is the primary resource in the identification and control of infectious disease in the community and district schools. The local health officer, in consultation with the Superintendent will take appropriate action deemed necessary to control or eliminate the spread of disease, including closing a school.

Legal References:

RCW 70.02 - Medical records — Health care information access and disclosure
RCW 70.24.290 – Public school employees – Rules for blood-borne pathogens education and training.

RCW 28A.210.010 Contagious diseases,
limiting contact — Rules
Chapter 246-110 WAC Contagious disease --
School districts and day care centers

Cross References:

3100 -Admission and Attendance
3122 - Excused and Unexcused Absences
3124 -Removal/Release of Student During
School Hours
3200 - Students Rights and Responsibilities
3230 - Student Privacy and Searches
3232 - Parent/Guardian and Student Rights in
Administration of Surveys, Analysis or
Evaluations
3410 - Student Health
3413 - Student Immunization and Life
Threatening Health Conditions
3420 - Child Abuse Neglect and Exploitation
Prevention
4020 - Confidential Communications
4040 - Public Access to District Records
4200 - Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
4310 - Relations with the Law Enforcement,
Child Protective Agencies and the
County Health Department
6512 - Infection Control Program

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