

CHAPTER: STUDENTS
TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

Calhoun County Schools will work cooperatively with the local health department for prevention, control and containment of communicable disease in schools.

Students are expected to be in compliance with required immunization schedules. The building principal is required by state law to exclude children from school attendance who are out of compliance.

The principal shall exclude from the school any pupil known to have or suspected of having any infectious disease or infestation known to be spread by casual contact. The superintendent has the authority to exclude a staff member from school when reliable information confirms him/her of having a communicable disease or infestation that is known to be spread by any form of casual contact and is considered a health threat to the school population. Such a student or staff member shall be excluded unless their physician verifies that the condition is no longer considered contagious. All reportable communicable disease will be referred to the local health department.

When reliable evidence or information from a qualified source confirms that a student/staff member is known to have a communicable disease or infection that is known not to be spread by casual contact i.e., HIV infections, Hepatitis B and other like diseases, the decision as to whether the affected person will remain in the school setting will be addressed on an individual basis.

Irrespective of the disease presence, routine procedures shall be used and adequate sanitation facilities will be available for handling blood or body fluids within the school setting or school busses. School personnel will be trained in the proper procedures for handling blood and body fluids and these procedures will be strictly adhered to by all school personnel.

All persons privileged with any medical information that pertains to students or staff members shall be required to treat all proceedings, discussions and documents as confidential information. Before any medical information is shared with anyone in the school setting a "Need to Know" review shall be made which includes the parent/guardian, student if over 18, employee or their representative as outlined in the West Virginia Procedures for the Collection, Maintenance and Disclosure of Student Data and Family Education Rights and Privacy Act 1988.

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