

CHAPTER: STUDENTS TITLE: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

Good health and safety are essential to student learning. Calhoun County schools will follow the standards established in order to ensure student health, prevent disease, educate students and school personnel on communicable diseases. The knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention along with standard/universal precautions, and treatment of communicable disease will support student success.

Calhoun County Schools will work cooperatively with other school personnel, parents, public health, medical personnel and 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. A student who has previously been enrolled in a school system within this state may be provisionally enrolled for a period of 5 school days pending receipt of immunization records. A student that is seeking to enroll from a school outside of the state must have at least one dose of all required immunizations pending completion of all state immunization requirements within 90 days with the exception of the Hepatitis B immunization which may not exceed 6 months from the first to the final dose. Any failure to complete within the scheduled time frames will result in exclusion of the student pending fulfillment of state immunization requirements. The building principal is required by state law to exclude children from school attendance who are out of compliance.

All school personnel 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. 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 "legitimate educational reason" or "health or safety emergency situation" must exist, all other releases of confidential medical and health information shall be released only with the consent of the parent/guardian, student if over 18, employee or their representative as outlined in W. Va. 126 CSR 94, WVBE Policy 4350, Procedures for the Collection, Maintenance and Disclosure of Student Data and FERPA. The only exception is immunization records, which shall be a public health record to be entered and reviewed annually into WVSIS.

Health information provided to or from the school, is part of the educational record and should be shared with the child's parents/guardians and pass freely among the school and medical home/health care provider to enhance student health and prevent duplication of services, only after permission is obtained from the student's parent/guardian. All reportable communicable diseases will be referred to the local health department, as set forth in West Virginia Bureau for Public Health Legislative Rule 64 CSR 7, Reportable Diseases, Events and Conditions. In the event of a suspected communicable disease outbreak as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health, public schools and/or county boards of education shall release student personally identifiable information to appropriate public health officials as allowable by FERPA's Health and Safety Emergency Disclosure and W. Va. 126 CSR 94, WVBE Policy

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. Such a student or staff member shall be excluded in accordance with guidelines or AAP, CDC, and WVDHHR unless his/her physician approved school attendance and the condition is no longer considered contagious. W.Va. 126 CSR 51. 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. First Aid materials will be maintained at each school.

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