

Students

Infectious Diseases

The Board of Trustees desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students.

The Superintendent or designee shall determine whether to admit a student with an infectious disease, and shall exclude students only in accordance with law. In making this determination, he/she shall consult the student's parents/guardians, the student's physician and/or the county health department, in accordance with law and consistent with confidentiality provisions. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the sole presence of bloodborne pathogens is not sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

- (cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
- (cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 6158 - Independent Study)
- (cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
- (cf. 6183 - Home/Hospital Instruction)

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. No district employee shall release medical information, including knowledge of a bloodborne pathogen infection, without written consent from the parent/guardian or adult student. Such information shall be shared only with those persons specifically named in the written permission.

- (cf. 5125 - Student Records)
- (cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

The Board requires students and staff to routinely observe universal precautions to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of all infectious disease.

- (cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)
- (cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)
- (cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)
- (cf. 6142.2 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

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Infectious Diseases (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48214 Persons excluded

49073-49075 Privacy of pupil records

49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

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

49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy

49451 Parent's refusal to consent to medical exam

49602 Confidentiality of student information

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

120980 Unauthorized disclosures

121010 Disclosure to certain persons without written consent

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 Bloodborne pathogen standards

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act

1400-1487 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

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