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It is the intent of the Alexander City Board of Education, in cooperation with county and state agencies, to carry out laws and regulations designed to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of school children and Board employees.

1. Communicable/Infectious Diseases or Conditions.

Students and/or employees having communicable diseases and/or conditions, including students wishing to enroll or potential employees, will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Administrators and supervisors shall observe current Regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases in the schools of the Alexander City School System as required by the State Board of Health. The system's nurse(s) will maintain liaison with the State Board of Health and support the processing of cases.

A student with a communicable or contagious disease or a viable parasite shall be ineligible to attend schools in the School System for a period of time as may be prescribed by the local Health Department, school nurse, or a physician. In all cases, a statement of clearance from the Department of Health or physician shall be required before the student may re-enter schools of the School System.

1. Infection Control

All employees are required to consistently follow infection control guidelines in all settings and at all times, including playgrounds and school buses. Schools will operate according to the standards promulgated by the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration for the prevention of bloodborne infections. Equipment and supplies needed to apply the infection control guidelines will be maintained and kept reasonably accessible. The Superintendent's

designee shall implement the precautions and investigate, correct, and report on instances of lapse.

1. Exposure Control Plan and Staff Development

The Superintendent will direct the preparation of procedures for processing cases and an exposure control plan. Procedures will incorporate appropriate considerations of confidentiality. Employee training and communication of school system procedures related to student health education, exposure control, communicable diseases and conditions, and standard precautions shall be implemented by the direction of the Superintendent.

REFERENCE(S):

CODE OF ALABAMA

16-11-2, 16-11-9, 16-22-3, AAC §290-1-4-.01

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