

Marion County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Student Communicable Diseases	Descriptor Code: 6.403	Issued Date: 04/24/01
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1 No student will be denied an education solely because of a communicable disease, and his/her educational
2 program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting the disease.

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4 Parents or guardians of infected students shall inform appropriate school officials of the infection so that
5 proper precautions for the protection of other students, employees, and the infected student shall be taken.

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7 No student with a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself or other
8 individuals will enter or remain in the regular school setting.^{1,2} If a school principal has reason to believe
9 a student has a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself or other
10 individuals in the regular school setting, the principal shall:

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- 12 1. Assign the student to a setting which will protect other students, employees and the student
13 himself; or
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 - 15 2. Exclude the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician or the County
16 Health Department by either the parent or principal stating that the disease is no longer commu-
17 nicable.
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19 If the principal has reason to believe that the student has a long-term communicable disease, the principal
20 must require confirmation from a physician or the County Health Department as to the student's condition.
21 If the student is confirmed to have a long-term communicable disease the principal shall refer the student
22 for special education services.³

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24 The principal may request that further examinations be conducted by a physician or County Health
25 Department and may request periodic re-examinations after the student has been readmitted to the school.²

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27 Expenses incurred from examinations requested by school officials shall be paid by the Board.

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29 The names of all students excluded from school under this policy will be forwarded to the office of the
30 director of schools.

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35 Legal References:

- 36 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(c)
- 37 2. TCA 49-2-203(b)(2)
- 38 3. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(g)(2)(v)

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35 Cross References:

- 36 Special Education 4.202
37 Special Programs 4.206