

Van Buren County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: Student Communicable Diseases	Descriptor Code: 6.403	Issued Date: 06/17/99
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 No student will be denied an education solely because of a communicable disease, and his/her edu-
2 cational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting
3 the disease.

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

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

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14 1. Assign the student to a setting which will protect other students, employees and the student
15 himself; or
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17 2. Exclude the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician or the County
18 Health Department by either the parent or principal stating that the disease is no longer com-
19 municable.

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21 If the principal has reason to believe that the student has a long-term communicable disease, the
22 principal must require confirmation from a physician or the County Health Department as to the stu-
23 dent's condition. If the student is confirmed to have a long-term communicable disease the principal
24 shall refer the student for special education services.³

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

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

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

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38 Legal References:

- 39 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(c)
- 40 2. TCA 49-2-203(b)(2)

Cross References:

- 41
Special Education 4.202
Special Programs 4.206