

Hardeman County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in May	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Student Communicable Diseases</h2>	Descriptor Code: 6.403	Issued Date: 08/12/10
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1 No student will be denied an education solely because of a communicable disease, and his/her educa-
 2 tional program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting the
 3 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 shall
 7 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 to
 11 believe a student has a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself
 12 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 until the parent/guardian can be contacted to pick up the student.
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- 17 2. The principal may exclude the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician
 18 or the County Health Department by either the parent or principal stating that the disease is no
 19 longer communicable.
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21 If the principal has reason to believe that the student has a long-term communicable disease, the principal
 22 shall handle in accordance with the recommendations of the State Department of Health as approved by
 23 the Commissioner of Education.

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

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 28 Expenses incurred from examinations of students shall be paid by the parent or guardian of the stu-
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 31 All records regarding communicable diseases will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the
 32 Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

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 34 Appropriate notification to the director of schools will be made by the coordinator of health services.

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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:
 Special Programs 4.206