

# Obion County Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in May</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Student Communicable Diseases</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.403</b>	Issued Date: <b>03/01/04</b>
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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.<sup>1,2</sup> 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:

- 11 1. Assign the student to a setting which will protect other students, employees and the student  
12 himself; or
- 13 2. Exclude the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician or the County  
14 Health Department by either the parent or principal stating that the disease is no longer commu-  
15 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.<sup>3</sup>  
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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.<sup>2</sup>  
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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  
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