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	Students	

Subject: Communicable Diseases

For the purpose of this policy and the regulations “Communicable Diseases” includes all communicable diseases that are life threatening, that pose a risk of long-term disability or incapacitation, or that require temporary exclusion from school to prevent the spread of the disease. All diseases listed in the Public Health Law and Regulations are included. In addition, all diseases generally recognized by the medical profession to be infectious, contagious or communicable, even if not listed in the Public Health Law and Regulations are included.

The ultimate responsibility and authority to protect the health, safety, and welfare of students in our schools remains with the Board of Education. Parents/guardians have the primary responsibility to assure that their children are healthy and physically fit to attend school. However, it is intended and expected that parents/guardians and school officials will work cooperatively to reach agreement on how particular cases should be handled.

When District officials know or have reasonable cause to believe that a student has a communicable disease, they will take appropriate action to protect that student, his/her family, or other District students and District personnel.

The student and his/her family will be accorded appropriate due process to protect their rights. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis with respect for the privacy and dignity of those involved. They will be based on current laws, regulations, and available medical information and advice. Due consideration will be given to the emotional and physical needs of the student, the risks to other students, and to district personnel.

Any student with a communicable disease will be provided the educational services he/she is entitled to by law, and which are appropriate for his/her condition.

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