

POLICY 5533  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Communicable disease control procedures shall be maintained in cooperation with the public health department. The health department shall be notified at once by the principal/designee who knows or suspects that a communicable disease is present in a District school.

The principal may exclude students from school and school-related activities if they are suspected of or diagnosed as having a communicable disease that poses a significant health risk to others or that renders them unable to pursue their studies. Students excluded from school may appeal their exclusion to the Superintendent/designee.

The District recognizes that an individual's health status is personal and private. Therefore, the District will handle information regarding students with suspected or confirmed communicable diseases confidentially in accordance with state and federal laws.

While recognizing that vomit, urine and saliva are not generally considered sources of bloodborne pathogens, all body fluids of students will be considered potentially infectious. Proper precautions will be taken by all District employees when coming in contact with such body fluids in accordance with the District's exposure control plan.

**LEGAL REF.:** Wisconsin Statutes  
Sections: 118.125 Confidentiality/maintenance of student records  
118.13 Student discrimination prohibited  
121.02(1)(i) Safe and healthful facilities  
146.81-146.83 Patient health care records confidentiality  
252.15 Confidentiality of HIV-related information  
252.19 Communicable diseases; protection of the public  
252.21 Reporting suspected communicable diseases  
Wisconsin Administrative Code  
HSS 145 Communicable disease control  
ILHR 32 Bloodborne pathogens plan requirement  
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Disability discrimination prohibited  
Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1972 Handicap discrimination prohibited

**CROSS REF.:** 5110 Equal Educational Opportunities  
5310 Student Attendance  
5531R Emergency Care Procedures  
5533.1 Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
5533.2 Pediculosis (Head Lice)  
5534 Administering Medication to Students

District Exposure Control Plan

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