

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The Board of Trustees desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing a high-quality education for all students. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state health officials to develop and regularly update a comprehensive plan for disease prevention that promotes preventative measures, mitigation, education, communication, and training of students and staff. All measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases shall be nondiscriminatory and ensure that equity is promoted.

- (cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)
- (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
- (cf. 0415 - Equity)
- (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
- (cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)
- (cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)
 - (cf. [3516](#) - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
- (cf. [5141.21](#) - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
- (cf. [5141.26](#) - Tuberculosis Testing)
- (cf. [5141.3](#) - Health Examinations)
- (cf. [5141.31](#) - Immunizations)
- (cf. [5141.32](#) - Health Screening for School Entry)
- (cf. [5141.6](#) - School Health Services)
- (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
- (cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review resources available from health experts to ensure that District programs and operations are based on the most up-to-date information.

The district's comprehensive health education program shall provide age-appropriate information about the nature and symptoms of communicable diseases, their transmission, and how to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

- (cf. [6142.1](#) - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)
- (cf. [6142.8](#) - Comprehensive Health Education)

If the local health officer notifies the district of an outbreak of a communicable disease, or the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, the district shall take any action that the health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the disease. The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws in regard to any such information received from the local health officer. (Health and Safety Code 120175.5)

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Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

(cf. [4119.42/4219.42/4319.42](#) - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. [4119.43/4219.43/4319.43](#) - Universal Precautions)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of the precautions to be used in cases of exposure to blood or other body fluids through injury, accident, or classroom instruction.

(cf. [5141](#) - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. [6145.2](#) - Athletic Competition)

Students with Infectious Diseases

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students from on-campus instruction only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Because blood-borne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

(cf. [5112.2](#) - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. [6164.6](#) - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. If necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the local health official of any potential outbreak. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality rights and privacy rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

(cf. [4119.23/4219.23/4319.23](#) - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)

(cf. [5022](#) - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

(cf. [5125](#) - Student Records)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[48210-48216](#) Persons excluded

49060-49069.7 Student records

[49073-49079](#) Privacy of pupil records

[49403](#) Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of pupils

[49405](#) Smallpox control

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[49406](#) Examination for tuberculosis (employees)

[49408](#) Student emergency information

[49602](#) Counseling and confidentiality of student information

1798-1798.78 Information Practices Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120175.5 Local health officers and communicable diseases

120230 Exclusion for communicable disease

120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases

120875-120895 AIDS information

120975-121023 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 1 Right to Privacy

CIVIL CODE

56-[56.37](#) Confidentiality of Medical Information Act

[1798-1798.76](#) Information Practices Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

[5193](#) Bloodborne pathogens

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

[2500-2511](#) Communicable disease reporting requirements

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[1232g](#) Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act

[1400-1482](#) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

[794](#) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

[164.500-164.534](#) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

COURT DECISIONS

Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1987) 662 F.Supp. 376

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

School District (K-12) Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

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