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### Infectious Diseases

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the superintendent shall implement procedures assuring that all school buildings are in compliance with State Board of Health rules and regulations regarding the presence of persons who have or have been exposed to infectious diseases deemed dangerous to the public health. Such procedures shall also prescribe the manner in which safeguards are taken to remove the danger to others.

The district shall require that the parents or guardian shall complete a medical history form. The nurse or school physician may use such reports to advise the parent of the need for further medical attention and to plan for potential health problems in school.

The board authorizes the school principal to exclude a student who has been diagnosed by a physician or is suspected of having an infectious disease in accordance with the regulations within the most current Infectious Disease Control Guide provided by the State Department of Health and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The principal and/or school nurse shall report the presence of suspected case or cases of reportable communicable disease to the appropriate local health authority as required by the State Board of Health. Such information concerning a student's present and past health condition shall be treated with strict confidentiality. The principal will cooperate with the local health officials in the investigation of the source of the disease.

A school principal has the authority to send an ill child home without the concurrence of the local health officer, but if the disease is reportable, the local health officer must be notified. The local health officer is the primary resource in the identification and control of infectious disease in community and school. The local health officer, in consultation with the superintendent can take whatever action deemed necessary to control or eliminate the spread of disease, including closing a school.

The fact that a student has been tested for a sexually transmitted disease, the test result, any information relating to the diagnosis or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease, and any information regarding drug or alcohol treatment for a student must be kept strictly confidential. If the district has a release for the exchange of confidential medical information, the information may be disclosed pursuant to the restrictions in the release.

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| Cross reference: | Policy 3230  | Student Privacy  |
| Legal reference: | RCW 09.02.100<br>28A.210.010<br>70.02<br>70.24.105<br>WAC 246-110<br>248-100-071<br>248-100-076<br>248-101<br>SPI Infectious Control Guide | Reproductive privacy--public policy<br>Contagious diseases, limiting contact--Rules and regulations<br>Medical Records--Disclosure and Access<br>Disclosure of HIV Antibody Testing<br>Contagious disease— School districts and day care centers<br>Responsibility for reporting to local health department<br>Reportable Diseases and Conditions<br>School Districts--Contagious Diseases |

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