



Communicable Diseases (Student)

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No student shall be denied an education solely because of a communicable disease, and their educational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting the disease.

Parents or guardians of infected students shall inform appropriate school officials of the infection so that proper precautions for the protection of other students, employees, and the infected student shall be taken.

No student with a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself or other individuals shall enter or remain in the regular school setting.^{1,2} If a school principal has reason to believe a student has a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either themselves or other individuals in the regular school setting, the principal shall:

- (1) Assign the student to a setting which will protect other students, employees and the student; or
- (2) Exclude the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician or the County Health Department by either the parent or principal stating that the disease is no longer communicable.

If the principal has reason to believe that the student has a long-term communicable disease, the principal must require confirmation from a physician or the County Health Department as to the student's condition. If the student is confirmed to have a long-term communicable disease the principal shall refer the student for special education services.¹

The principal may request that further examinations be conducted by a physician or County Health Department and may request periodic re-examinations after the student has been readmitted to the school.² Expenses incurred from examinations requested by school officials shall be paid by the Achievement School District.

The names of all students excluded from school under this policy shall be forwarded to the office of the principal.

¹ TRR/MS 0520-01-13-.01(1)(c)

² Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-2-203(b)(2)