

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD**

453.3-Rule

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL GUIDELINES

A. Educational and Preventive Measures

1. The District will ensure that immunizations and physical examinations required of students have been obtained.
2. The nurse shall be responsible for the appropriate maintenance of a health room in the school building. Information concerning reportable communicable diseases will be available for review by staff members as needed.
3. Information regarding suppression and control of communicable diseases will be included in the health curriculum for students and in staff development for employees.
4. Standard procedures as set forth by the Bayfield County Public Health Department to prevent the spread of communicable diseases transmitted by air (such as tuberculosis, chicken pox, mumps and rubella); by exchange of body fluids (such as hepatitis A and B, rotavirus, cytomegalvirus, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and salmonella); or by other means (such as pediculosis, scabies, and body lice) will be followed by staff in the performance of their duties.
5. Universal precaution kits appropriate to reducing the risk of transmission of communicable diseases in the school environment will be provided for each classroom throughout the District.

B. Confidentiality/Reporting

1. The School Nurse shall function as the District's liaison with students, staff, parents/guardians, physicians, public health officials and the community at large concerning communicable diseases in the school.
2. Any person who knows or suspects that a student has a communicable disease shall report the facts to the School Nurse. If required by public health laws and regulations, the nurse will make a report to the Bayfield County Health Department.
3. The District will maintain the confidentiality of the student health records, and will not disclose any such records except to the extent required or permitted by law.

C. Exclusion from School

1. Students who are suspected of having a communicable disease that could be detrimental to the health of self or others in the school environment may be redirected for diagnosis and treatment. Students who are diagnosed as having a communicable disease that renders them unable to pursue their studies or poses a significant risk of transmission to others in the school environment shall be excused from school until their presence no longer poses a threat to

the health of themselves or others.

2. The determination as to whether and under what circumstances a student may be sent home for diagnosis and treatment or excused from school attendance shall be made by the nurse.
3. If the disease in question appears to require a lengthy period of exclusion or poses a serious health threat to the student or others (i.e. tuberculosis), the nurse should refer the determination to a Pupil Services or IEP Team.
  - a. The health care team will consist of the school nurse, the principal, the teacher, and to the extent the cooperation of such individuals can be obtained, the student and/or the student's parent or guardian and the student's physician. The team will confer, as necessary, with the District's medical advisor, legal counsel and with state and county public health agencies.
  - b. The health care team will convene at the request of the nurse to determine whether and under what circumstances a student may be sent home for diagnosis and treatment or excused from school attendance. The health care team may also receive referrals for the purpose of formulating recommendations regarding educational program modification, short of exclusion, that could permit the student to attend school without posing a significant threat to the health of self or others.
4. For students with previously identified Special Education needs or whose communicable disease may give rise to a disability, the principal, in consultation with the director of special education, may refer this determination to the IEP Team. The normal membership of the IEP Team making any such determination should be supplemented to the extent possible with the following individuals: the student's physician, the student's parent or guardian, and the principal.
5. Alternate educational opportunities will be arranged for students who must be excused from school attendance for a significant period of time.
6. The nurse, in consultation with the Bayfield County Health Department, shall determine when a student who has been excused from school attendance may be readmitted. As a condition of continued or renewed attendance, the District may require a statement from a student's physician that the student is in suitable condition to attend school.
7. Appeals
  - a. A parent or guardian of a minor student or adult student who disputes the determination or action of the nurse, or health care team, concerning exclusion of a student from school may appeal such determination or action by filing a complaint with the District Administrator.
  - b. The complaint must be made in writing and must contain: (1) a statement of the facts, (2) a statement of the relief requested, and (3) any necessary medical information. The complaint should be signed by the

complainant and submitted within five calendar days following the disputed determination or action.

- c. The District Administrator shall confer with the complainant within ten consecutive school days of receipt of the complaint to verify the nature of the complaint and to explain the procedures that will be followed to resolve the complaint.
- d. Complaints involving the identification, evaluation, educational placement, or provision of a free appropriate public education of children with disabilities will be resolved through the laws set forth in the Wisconsin State Statutes.
- e. Complaints involving student discrimination on the basis of handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability will be resolved through the District's established student discrimination complaint procedures.
- f. Other complaints will be resolved by the District Administrator. The District Administrator will confer with the parties involved and will render a written decision within ten consecutive school days of receipt of complaint. A complainant who remains unsatisfied with the District Administrator's decision may appeal to the Board. This appeal must be made in writing, signed by the complainant, and submitted to the Board President within five consecutive days of the District Administrator's decision and must state the reasons for disagreement with that decision. The Board will afford the complainant a hearing, upon request, and will render a written decision within thirty consecutive days of receipt of the appeal or (if a hearing is held) conclusion of the hearing.
- g. Except to the extent prohibited by law, a student may be excluded from school during the pendency of any appeal hereunder.

CROSS REF.: 411-Rule, Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures  
Special Education Policy and Procedure Handbook

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