

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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

Infectious Disease Prevention

~~The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with parents/guardians and local health agencies and organizations to develop a comprehensive approach to disease prevention that promotes preventative measures and education of students and staff.~~

~~(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)~~

~~(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 - **Student**School Health **and Social** 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 Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the~~ The district's comprehensive health education program ~~provides~~ shall provide age-appropriate information about the ~~prevention~~ nature and symptoms of ~~infectious~~ communicable diseases, ~~including the nature of bloodborne pathogens and their transmission, as well as information~~ and how to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases, ~~such as a pandemic influenza. He/she shall also ensure that each school has sufficient infection prevention supplies that are easily accessible to staff.~~

~~(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)~~

~~(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)~~

Universal Precautions

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)

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 bloodborne 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 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
49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)
49408 ~~Information of use in emergencies~~ [Student emergency information](#)
49602 ~~Confidentiality~~ [Counseling and confidentiality](#) of student information
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
~~Article I, Section 1 Right to Privacy~~
CIVIL CODE
56-56.37 Confidentiality of Medical Information Act
1798-1798.7678 Information Practices Act

Legal Reference: (continued)

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-~~121022~~ [121023](#) Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for ~~pupils~~ [students](#)

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

~~Article I, Section 1 Right to Privacy~~

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 ~~California bloodborne~~ [Bloodborne](#) pathogens ~~standard~~

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)~~ [Privacy of individually identifiable health information](#)

COURT DECISIONS

Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1987)1986 662 F.Supp. 376

Management Resources:

~~CSBA~~ [CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS](#)

~~Saving Lives: AIDS Issues~~ [Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools-1994, rev. 2006, 2014](#)

~~Avian~~ [U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS](#)

~~School District (K-12) Pandemic Influenza- Governance and Policy Services Fact Sheet, April 2006~~ [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>

~~Contra Costa County Office of Education, Pandemic Flu Resources:~~
http://www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/about/flu/resources_flu_action_kit

~~U.S. Government Pandemic Flu Information:~~ <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>

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