

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN****COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

While responsibility for care of the individual student/staff rests with family of self and other sources of medical care, the school has a responsibility for identifying communicable diseases in the school and possibly assisting with the coordination of treatment. The health and safety of students and staff will be primary considerations when dealing with communicable diseases. The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for preserving safety, protecting the general welfare, and promoting physical, mental, and emotional health of students and employees.

The School District of Wauzeka-Steuben shall maintain appropriate health standards for students and staff in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and in cooperation with state and local public health agencies, pertaining to cases of known or suspected communicable diseases, as well as report such diseases to appropriate disease control agencies.

In an effort to promote the good health of students and staff, the District will provide educational opportunities to students and staff regarding measures that can be taken to reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting communicable diseases at school and in school-related activities.

Students and staff may be excluded from school and/or school related activities if they are suspected of or diagnosed as having a communicable disease as defined by the Wisconsin Division of Health Guidelines (<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasereporting/index.htm>) that poses a significant health risk to others or that renders them adequately unable to perform their jobs or pursue their studies. Students and staff excluded from school pursuant to this policy may appeal their exclusion in accordance with administrative procedures.

In recognition that an individual's health status is personal and private, the District will handle information regarding students and staff with suspected or confirmed communicable diseases in accordance with state and federal law and District procedures regarding the confidentiality of student and staff records, while complying with applicable public health reporting requirements.

In connection with communicable disease management and with the purpose of mitigating any known and significant health risk, the District Administrator, or his/her administrative-level designee, is further authorized to exercise authority on behalf of the Board regarding conditions or directives under which persons other than students and employees may be present at, or temporarily excluded from, District property or District-sponsored events or activities. Such other persons include, as examples, contractors, employees of contracted services, authorized volunteers, parents, and other visitors. Administrative directives and decisions affecting such persons that are related to communicable disease management shall be consistent with any directly applicable policies or directives established by the Board and shall otherwise consider the potential relevance of the rules and standards that the District applies to students and employees as well as such other information as may be reasonably available under the circumstances (e.g., applicable public health standards and/or information obtained from appropriate health care professionals or public health officials).

**Legal References:** Wisconsin Statutes Sections 118.01(2)(d)2c, 118.125, 118.13, 118.25, 120.12, 121.02 121.02(1)(i), 146.81-146.83, 252.15, 252.18-202.25, WI Administration Code-Chapters 144, 155, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Code of Regulation; Part 1910-1030 Blood Borne Pathogens, CDC-Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPPA)

**Cross References:** Wisconsin School Nursing Handbook: Chapter 4

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