

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN**

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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 the safety, protecting the general welfare, and promoting the 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.

**Legal References:** Wisconsin State Statutes §§ 118.01(2)(d)2c, 118.125, 118.13, 121.02(1)(i), 146.81-146.83, 252.15, 252.19, 252.21; HFS 145 and COMM 32.50(2), Wisconsin Administrative Code 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1910 - Subpart Z; Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1972

**Cross References:** Policies 431 Compulsory Student Attendance, 453.3 Administering Medications to Students, 720 Safety Program

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