

6231.1 Guidelines for 6231

- A. Students are expected to be in compliance with the required immunization schedule. The building principal is required to exclude children from school attendance who are out of compliance with the immunizations required by this act. School personnel will cooperate with public health personnel in completing and coordinating all immunization data, waivers, and exclusions, including the necessary information forms, to provide for preventable communicable disease control.
- B. The superintendent or designee has the authority to exclude a student or staff member from school when reliable evidence or information from a qualified source confirms him/her of having a communicable disease or infestation that is known to be spread by any form of casual contact and is considered a health threat to the school population. Such a student or staff member shall be excluded unless their physician approves school attendance or the condition is no longer considered contagious. If such person is a staff member, then the Superintendent or designee may place said staff member on paid or unpaid leave. If such person is not a student or staff member, then the Superintendent or designee shall inform such person as soon as possible that they are not permitted on school property until further notice from the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent may consult with law enforcement, health officials or other experts in determining whether such exclusion should occur.

All reportable communicable diseases will be referred to the Central District Health Department.

Children who are obviously ill or who are known to have a communicable disease shall not attend class during the course of the illness. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-4,133 to 79-4,138)

A student exhibiting any of the following symptoms may have a contagious or infectious illness and should be excluded from the classroom until the nature of the illness is known:

Fever, flushed face, headache, aches in joints or muscles, unexplained tiredness or listlessness, loss of appetite, stomach ache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, unexplained skin eruptions, sore throat or inflamed eyes.

- C. When reliable evidence or information from a qualified source confirms that a student/staff member is known to have a communicable disease or infection that is known not to be spread by casual contact, i.e. HIV, HBV and other like diseases, the decision as to whether the affected person will remain in the school setting will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by a review panel to ensure due process. (Review panel membership outlined later.)
- D. Mandatory screening for communicable diseases that are known not to be spread by casual contact is not warranted as a condition for school entry or for employment or continued employment.
- E. Irrespective of the disease presence, routine procedures shall be used and adequate sanitation facilities will be available for proper hygiene as well as handling blood or body fluids within the school setting or school buses. School personnel will be trained in the proper procedures for hygiene and handling blood and body fluids and these procedures will be strictly adhered to by all school personnel.
- F. All persons privileged with any medical information that pertains to students or staff members shall be required to treat all proceedings, discussions and documents as confidential information. Before any medical information is shared with anyone in the school setting, a "Need to Know" review shall be made which includes the parent/guardian, students if over 18, employee or their representative.
- G. Instruction on the principal modes by which communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) are spread and the best methods for the restriction and prevention of these diseases shall be taught to students and inservice education provided to all staff members.

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