

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

453.3

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The health and safety of students and staff shall be the primary consideration in dealing with communicable disease.

The Board of Education retains a medical consultant and legal counsel. The administration shall contact any or all of these resource people, along with state and local health agencies when there are concerns related to communicable disease. Communicable disease control procedures shall be maintained in cooperation with the local health department.

In an effort to maintain a safe and healthful school environment, the District shall 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.

In recognition that an individual's health status is personal and private, the District shall handle information regarding students and staff with suspected or confirmed communicable diseases in accordance with state and federal law and Board policies regarding the confidentiality of student and staff records, while at the same time complying with applicable public health reporting requirements. The local health department shall be notified at once by any teacher, school nurse or principal who knows or suspects that a communicable disease is present in a District school.

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 in the administrative procedure that poses a significant health risk to others or that renders them unable to adequately perform their jobs or pursue their studies. Students who are suspected of having a communicable disease may be sent home by a teacher, principal or school nurse. If this action occurs, the parent(s)/guardian of such students shall be notified immediately of the action and the reasons for the action. A teacher who sends a student home must also notify the principal. Students and staff excluded from school may

appeal their exclusion as set forth in the administrative procedure.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 103.15 Wisconsin Statutes
111.31-111.395
118.01(2)(d)2c
118.125
118.13
118.195
118.20
121.02(1)(i)
146.81 - 146.83
Chapter 252
COMM 32, Wisconsin Administrative Code
HFS 145
29 CFR, Part 1910 - Subpart Z

CROSS REF.: 453.3-Rule, Communicable Disease Procedures
347, Student Records
Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan
DEA Agreement
DSPA Agreement

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