



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Policy on Communicable Disease in the School Setting

It is the policy of the River Valley School District to establish and maintain appropriate health standards for the school environment, to promote the good health of students and staff, and to educate students and staff in disease prevention methods and sound health practices.

The district shall cooperate with state and/or county public health agencies in establishing and maintaining appropriate health standards for the school environment, promoting the good health of staff and educating staff in disease prevention methods and sound health practices.

If there is reasonable cause to believe that an employee or student has a communicable disease that could be detrimental to the health of the employee or others in the school environment, the district administrator, or designee, may require the employee to submit to a physical examination. A physician's statement indicating whether the employee is in suitable condition to continue working may be required. The district administrator, or designee, may also consult with state and/or county public health officials concerning the employee's health status and obtain recommendations which will help the district maintain a safe and healthful school environment.

In an effort to maintain a safe and healthful school environment, 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 (including HIV infection) at school and in school-related activities.

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 accord 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.

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 interpretation, that poses a significant health risk to others or that renders them unable adequately to perform their jobs or pursue their studies. Students and staff excluded from school pursuant to this policy may appeal their exclusion as set forth in the administrative procedure.

In an effort to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable disease in the schools, the River Valley School District has in place guidelines and procedures for implementation of steps to be taken regarding:

- I. Communicable Disease
- II. Exclusion from School for Health Reasons

III. Handling of Body Fluids
IV. Handling of Persons Infected with HIV

LEGAL REF.: Sections 103.15 Wisconsin Statutes
118.01(2)(d)2c
118.125
118.13
118.195
121.02(1)(i)
146.81 - 146.83

Chapter 252 Wisconsin Statutes

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