

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

FFAD
(LOCAL)

~~CHRONIC
REPORTABLE
DISEASES~~

~~Unless otherwise provided below, a student with a chronic reportable disease (Hansen's disease, viral hepatitis type B, AIDS or HIV infection) shall be allowed to attend school in his or her usual instructional setting with the approval of his or her doctor. The District employee responsible for the school health program shall function as the liaison with the student's doctor and be the coordinator of services provided by other staff. [See FFA]~~

~~CONFIDENTIALITY —
DISEASES OTHER
THAN AIDS OR HIV
INFECTION~~

~~Only those persons with a direct need to know, such as the principal, school nurse, or other person responsible for the school health program, shall be informed of the condition of the student who has a chronic reportable disease other than AIDS or HIV infection.~~

~~AIDS OR HIV
INFECTION~~

~~The only District employees who shall have access to medical records that a student has or has not been tested for, or does or does not have AIDS or HIV infection, are physicians, nurses, or other health care personnel who have a legitimate need to know the test result in order to provide for their own protection or to provide for the student's health and welfare.~~

~~However, the parents of a minor student or an adult student may give written authorization specifying other persons or positions to whom such information may be released. District personnel who have such knowledge shall be provided with information concerning any precautions that may be necessary and shall be advised of confidentiality requirements. [See FL]~~

~~RISK OF
TRANSMISSION~~

~~The District medical advisor and the local health authority, in consultation with the person responsible for the school health program and the student's doctor, shall determine whether a significant risk of transmitting a chronic reportable disease exists. If it is determined that a significant risk of transmission exists, the student may be temporarily removed from the classroom until one of the following events occurs:~~

- ~~1. An appropriate school program adjustment is made.~~
- ~~2. An appropriate alternative or special education program is established.~~
- ~~3. The local health authority determines that the significant risk has abated and the student can return to class.~~

~~Each removal of a student from school attendance under this circumstance shall be reviewed by the District medical advisor in consultation with the student's doctor at least once a month to determine whether the condition precipitating the removal has changed.~~

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~~RISK TO AFFECTED
STUDENT~~

~~A decision to remove a student from the classroom for his or her own protection when cases of communicable diseases are occurring in the school population shall be made in accordance with Texas Department of Health guidelines [see FFAD(EXHIBIT)]; however, the placement of a special education student can be changed only by an ARD committee.~~

~~REFERRAL TO
SPECIAL
PROGRAMS~~

~~A student removed from the classroom under this policy may be referred to the ARD committee for assessment and a determination of eligibility for special education. A student determined to be ineligible for special education services may nevertheless be eligible for other special services as a student who has a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.~~

~~Any decisions regarding restrictions on school attendance, participation in school activities, and hygiene procedures shall be made by the ARD committee (in the case of a special education student) or a group of professionals who are knowledgeable about the student (in the case of a student who has a disability under Section 504). These committees shall consult the local health authority and the student's physician and parents in making such decisions. They shall also consider the significant health risk posed to and by the student in determining an appropriate individual education plan or other services to be provided.~~