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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: First Reading of Policy FFAD (LOCAL): Wellness and Health Services: Communicable Diseases

SUBMITTED BY: Gloria S. Rendon OF Asst. to the Superintendent

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: March 26, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve First Reading of Policy FFAD (LOCAL): Wellness and Health Services: Communicable Diseases

RATIONALE:

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES
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CHRONIC
REPORTABLE
DISEASES

Unless otherwise provided below, a student with a chronic reportable disease as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) 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

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.

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.

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 TDSHS guidelines; however, the placement of a special education student can be changed only by an ARD committee.

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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 individualized education program or other services to be provided.

MEDICAL
CERTIFICATION

Any medical examinations or approvals required under this policy shall be performed by a doctor who is duly registered and licensed under the Medical Practice Act of Texas, a licensed chiropractor, a Christian Scientist practitioner, or a licensed podiatrist (chiropractist).