

Board File: JLCC

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND LONG-TERM ILLNESSES

Communicable/Infectious Diseases

By law, the District is required to make educational services available to all children who are residents of the District. The District recognizes, however, that communicable/infectious diseases may impact a student's ability to attend school. Parents are requested to notify the school if their child contracts a communicable disease, infectious condition, or illness and to keep any child temporarily affected thereby out of school until the condition is no longer communicable or until he or she has fully recovered.

The Douglas County School District exercises control over District operations. Therefore, management of common communicable diseases will be guided by the Douglas County School District Board of Education, and directed by the Superintendent in consultation with the Douglas County Health Department, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and other agencies as appropriate and their references to available disease data, with an emphasis on Douglas County-specific data. The District shall comply with the requirements of federal, state and local law and applicable public health orders.

Students who complain of illness at school may be referred to the school nurse and may be sent home as soon as the parent/guardian or person designated on the student's emergency medical authorization form has been notified. A student or staff member who exhibits symptoms of a readily-transmissible communicable disease may be temporarily excluded from in-person school attendance.

When reliable information is received by a staff member that a student is afflicted with a serious, readily transmissible disease, the staff member will promptly notify the school nurse or principal to determine appropriate measures to protect student and staff health and safety.

The District reserves the right to require a health care provider's statement authorizing the student's return to school.

Long-Term Illnesses

A child suffering from a long-term physical illness by which he or she is unable to receive reasonable benefit from the ordinary educational program may be determined to be a child with a disability under state and federal law.

Any child determined to have a long-term illness, disease, or infectious condition that is known or reasonably suspected to be communicable, shall be evaluated, staffed, and placed in an appropriate educational program in accordance with applicable law. When appropriate, the Douglas County Health Department or Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment may be requested to become involved.

Temporary Actions May Be Taken by the District to Protect Health, Safety, and Welfare of a Child or Others.

Neither this policy nor the placement of a child in any particular program shall preclude the District administration from taking any temporary actions, including removal from the classroom, as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the child or others.

Student Privacy and Any Other Student Rights That May Apply

In addressing matters related to this policy, the District will respect the student's right to privacy and any other student rights that may apply.

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LEGAL REFS.:

C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(bb)

C.R.S. 22-33-104(2)(a) (compulsory attendance law not applicable to a student who is temporarily ill and such absence is approved)

C.R.S. 22-33-106(2) (grounds for suspension, expulsion, and denial of admission)

C.R.S. 22-20-101 *et seq.*

20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.* (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

29 U.S.C. 794 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

CROSS REF.:

EBBA, Prevention of Disease,/Infection Transmission

EBBA-R, Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission

IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar/Instructional Time

JRA/JRC, Student Education Records