

Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

Student Communicable Diseases

Descriptor Code:

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1 No student will be denied an education solely because of a communicable disease, and his/her
2 educational program shall be restricted only to the extent necessary to minimize the risk of transmitting
3 the disease.

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5 Parents or guardians of infected students shall inform appropriate school officials of the infections so
6 that proper precautions for the protection of other students, employees, and the infected student shall be
7 taken.

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9 No student with a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself or
10 other individuals will enter or remain in the regular school setting.^{1,2} If a school principal has reason to
11 believe a student has a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself or
12 other individuals in the regular school setting, the principal shall:

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14 1. Assign the student to a setting which will protect other students, employees and the
15 student himself; or herself
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17 2. Exclude the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician or the
18 County Health Department by either the parent or school nurse stating that the disease is
19 no longer communicable

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21 If the school nurse has reason to believe that the student has a long-term communicable disease, the
22 school nurse must require confirmation from a physician or the County Health Department as to the
23 student's condition. If the student is confirmed to have a long-term communicable disease the school
24 nurse shall refer the student for special education services.³

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26 The school nurse may request that further examinations be conducted by a physician or County Health
27 Department and may request periodic reexaminations after the student has been readmitted to the
28 school.²

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30 The names of all students excluded from school under this policy will be forwarded to the office of the
31 director of schools.

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Legal References

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35 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(c).
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37 2. TCA 49-2-203(b)(2).
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39 3. TRR/MS 0520-1-3.08(2)(g)(2)(v).
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