

**STUDENTS**

**SUBJECT: Infectious Diseases**

The Governing Board recognizes its dual responsibility to protect the health of students from risks posed by infectious diseases such as: tuberculosis, HIV infection and/or AIDS, hepatitis, CMV disease or poliomyelitis, and to uphold the right of students to a free and appropriate education.

For purposes of this policy, infectious diseases shall include all those listed by the State Department of Health Services and the County Health Department.

The Board encourages parents/guardians to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that any such child will have access to appropriate district programs and services. The Superintendent or designee may convene a review panel to make recommendations regarding appropriate programs and services for such a student and shall consider the panel's recommendation when making the final decision.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all of the student's rights to confidentiality are strictly observed in accordance with law. In all instances, confidential information shall not be released without parental consent.

The Superintendent or designee shall request that parents/guardians sign a release form to provide confidential medical information and records to the review panel.

The admission of a student with an infectious disease shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee according to standard procedures as stated in Regulation 5112.3. The Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or district medical consultant shall consult with the student's parent/guardian and, as appropriate, with the student's physician and/or the County Health Department.

Students with infectious diseases are entitled to the rights and services accorded to other students. They may attend their regular school and classroom with appropriate medical clearance, barring any special circumstances.