

StudentsStudents Afflicted with Communicable Disease

The Weston Board of Education recognizes that children afflicted with a communicable disease have a right to receive an education. to accommodate the interests of students with communicable diseases and the interests of parents, other students and employees, the Board directs the administration to establish regulations which ensure that:

1. Any student with a communicable disease receives a public education in accord with the requirements of current law.
2. Any student with a communicable disease will have his/her right to privacy preserved with only specified staff or government officials, as required by law, alerted to the student's health condition.
3. Specific information and training will be provided to all personnel involved in the education of students with a communicable disease.

An identified case of communicable disease will be reported by the medical advisor or designee to government officials as required by law. Director of Special Services or designee shall request that government officials provide the school system with any relevant information pertaining to any citizen with a communicable disease who has either directly or indirectly had contact with the school's students and/or employees.

This policy will be revised periodically to the extent required by legal requirements and/or medical developments.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76b State suspension of special education programs and services

10-76d-15 Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education

10-207 Duties of medical advisors

10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian

19a-221 Quarantine of certain persons

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

Education for all Handicapped Children Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400,  
et seq.

Section 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C.  
706(7)(B)

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The following regulations outline the procedures to be followed whenever a student is identified as being afflicted with a communicable disease.

1. Students presently in the school system or those seeking entry into the school system identified as having a communicable disease will initially be placed in an alternative educational program if deemed necessary by the school medical advisory to protect against transmission. The medical advisor will then refer the student's case to the Communicable Disease Team.
2. A Communicable Disease Team may convene upon appropriate medical advice. The convention of such team will be within ten (10) school days of receiving information regarding the student's condition. Participants on this team will include the child's parents or guardian, the Director of Special Services, the building principal, the school nurse, the school medical advisor, the child's physician, and appropriate school staff.
3. In determining whether a student's condition warrants exclusion from the regular school program the following factors shall be applied:
  - A. Current medical condition.
  - B. Current medical knowledge.
  - C. Social and emotional development.
  - D. Behavior patterns.
  - E. Expected interaction with other children and staff.
  - F. Special education statutes.
  - G. Other factors as required by law.
4. A Program Team comprised of appropriate school staff will meet within a period of ten (10) school days to determine an appropriate alternative educational program in the event the Communicable Disease Team determines that the student's condition warrants exclusion from the normal school program.

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In cases involving a previously identified special education student or a student deemed by the Communicable Disease Programming Team to be a special education student, the Communicable Disease Programming shall refer such student to the Planning and Placement Team. The Planning and Placement Team will have primary responsibility for planning an educational program for such a student.

5. The privacy rights of students with a communicable disease shall be strictly observed by school staff. Information regarding a student's health condition will be provided only to personnel involved in providing direct services to the student, and to government officials, as required by law. The Communicable Disease Programming Team shall determine which personnel will be informed.
6. Staff responsible for providing an educational program to students with a communicable disease will receive information and training from appropriate medical and administrative staff. This training will include necessary information concerning the student's medical condition, methods to ensure against transmission of the disease, and appropriate instructional strategies.
7. A review of the student's medical condition shall be required and reported to the Communicable Disease Programming Team by the medical advisor at least every ninety (90) days or whenever a significant change in the child's medical condition occurs.
8. The Communicable Disease Programming Team will review the educational program of each student afflicted with a communicable disease at least every ninety (90) days.

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