

Students

Communicable/Infectious Diseases

The Board of Education recognizes that all children in Connecticut have a constitutional right to a free, suitable program of educational experiences. The Board will establish reasonable health requirements as prerequisites to admission or attendance including the requirement that students undergo physical examination prior to admission.

Where it can be medically established that a student suffers from a serious infectious disease and there is a significant risk of transmission of the disease to others due to the nature of the disease or personal characteristics of the student carrier, it may be appropriate to exclude the student from the regular classroom. The determination of exclusion of any student will be made on a case by case basis with the appropriate procedural due process safeguards. Where the risk of transmission is relatively low or appropriate procedures can be adopted to reduce the risk of transmission exclusion is not warranted.

A child with an infectious disease may be considered handicapped, if the child presents such physical impairment that limits one or more major life activities. Therefore, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act may apply. The parent/guardian or the school administration may make a referral for determination whether the student is handicapped and entitled to protection under Section 504. The Planning and Placement Team will conduct an Individual Placement Program (IPP) to determine whether the student is handicapped or is "otherwise qualified" within the meaning of Section 504. The student will be educated in the least restrictive environment.

The District will include as part of its emergency procedure plan a description of the actions to be taken by District personnel in case of pandemic flu outbreak or other catastrophe that disrupts District Operations.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Assessments and Immunizations)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

"Education for Children with Disabilities", 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 706(7)(b)

"Americans with Disabilities Act"

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 45 C.F.R. 99.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

10-76(d)(15) Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services.

10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student.

10-207 Duties of medical advisors.

10-209 Records not to be public.

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

19a-221 Quarantine of certain persons.

19a-581-585 AIDS testing and medical information.

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THOMASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Thomaston, Connecticut

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COMMON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

| DISEASE | EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL POLICY |
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| Chicken pox | 6 days or until lesions are crusted |
| Conjunctivitis | Has received appropriate therapy for 24 hours and has permission from the physician to return to school |
| Elevated Temperature (100 degrees or over) | A full 24 hours after the child is afebrile (99.9 degrees or lower) |
| German Measles (Rubella) | 7 days after onset of rash |
| Impetigo | Has received appropriate medically prescribed therapy for 24 hrs. and has permission from the physician to return to school |
| Hepatitis | Has physician's permission to return to school |
| Infectious Mononucleosis | No set time – only while illness lasts, has permission from physician to return to school |
| Measles | 5 days after appearance of rash |
| Meningitis | No set time – only while illness lasts, has permission from physician to return to school |
| Mumps | Until swelling has subsided or not less than 9 days after onset of parotid swelling |
| Pediculosis | Until hair is clear – no appearance of live nits and has used prescribed shampoo or over-the-counter treatment, especially for the treatment of head lice |
| Ringworm of Scalp | None, if under proper treatment |
| Scabies | Has received appropriate medically prescribed treatment for 24 hrs. and has permission from physician to return to school |
| Streptococcal Infection | Has received appropriate therapy for 24 hours and has permission from physician to return to school |
| Fifth Disease | Excluding children from school is not recommended as a public health measure |

Children excluded from school with any of the above health problems must be evaluated by the school nurse before returning to the classroom.