

POLICY: 503.4

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

Some students with a communicable disease, as defined by the State Department of Health, may attend school without creating a risk of transmission of the illness or other harm in the school environment. There may be greater risks for the transmission of a communicable disease for some persons with certain conditions than for other persons infected with the same disease. Those certain conditions, the risk(s) of transmission of the disease, the effect upon the educational program, the effect upon the student, and other factors deemed relevant, shall be considered in determining continued attendance.

Generally, a student with a communicable disease should be allowed to attend school and activities if the student is physically able to perform assigned tasks. Inability to perform assigned tasks, and/or the substantial risk of transmission of a disease to others will result in an educational placement in the least restrictive environment. The Superintendent or his/her designee may consult with the child's personal physician, the Iowa State Department of Health, personnel from the United States Public Health Center for Disease Control, medical specialists, or with other appropriate agencies and persons for input in making a decision regarding appropriate placement. The input and recommendations received will determine the advisability of the student's return to or continuation in school.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or his/her designee, in conjunction with a school nurse; to appropriately and within the law keep the public, staff, and students informed about communicable diseases and related issues.

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