Communicable Diseases

The Adrian Public Schools’ Board of Education is committed to providing educational opportunities to all students in a safe environment and to following appropriate student rights procedures. The Michigan Public Health Code and Disease Surveillance and Control Rules enable the Board of Education to authorize the Superintendent or designee to exclude a student from school who is suspected of having a communicable disease or infestation. These rules urge exclusion of students suspected of having reportable communicable diseases, unless the student’s physician approves school attendance.

The Board of Education recognizes that staff may also contract communicable diseases and pose a potential threat to that safe environment. Likewise, the Board is cognizant that arbitrary exclusion might violate an individual’s civil rights. The Board of Education notes that communicable diseases are not all the same. Some pose practically no risk to other people in the type of contact associated with the school environment, while others carry substantial risk and may be life threatening. The Board also recognizes a duty to educate staff and students about such diseases, the relative risks, and appropriate measures to reduce contagion. Contagion is defined as disease transmission by direct or indirect contact.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop administrative procedures to implement this Policy.

The District will respect the privacy and dignity of its students and employees and will approach each case of a communicable disease in an individualized manner, refrain from making any public disclosure of those persons having communicable diseases, and employ routine procedures concerning diseases of a less serious nature.

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