Policy

**PREVENTION OF DISEASE/INFECTION/OTHER CONDITION**

**TRANSMISSION**

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The board is committed to providing a healthful environment for all students and staff. To prevent disease transmission and promote a healthy educational/social environment in the district, the board has adopted and the district has implemented an exposure-control plan based on recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This plan includes appropriate training as well as standard (universal) precautions that all staff must take when dealing with blood and other bodily fluids. A copy of the plan is on file in the superintendent’s office and each school.

When the district takes action with respect to students or staff found to have a communicable disease, such action will be consistent with rights afforded individuals under local, state, and federal law and regulation. The district will treat each case on an individual basis. The superintendent, or his/her designee, will be responsible for determining the information to be disseminated to staff, parents/legal guardians, and the public when a communicable disease is identified or suspected in the school setting.

The district will continue to revise and update its plan and its procedures in accordance with directives from the CDC, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

Cf. GBGA, IHAM, JLCC, JRA

Adopted ^

Legal References:

1. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
2. Section 44-29-135(f) - Confidentiality of sexually transmitted disease records.
3. Section 44-29-200 - Attendance of teachers or students with contagious or infectious disease may be prohibited.
4. Section 59-10-220 - Adoption and notification of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations on universal precautions for bloodborne disease exposure.
5. Code of Federal Regulations, as amended:
6. U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 29 C.F.R. 1910.134 - Respiratory protection.
7. U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 29 C.F.R. 1910.1030 - Bloodborne pathogens.
8. S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control Regulations:
9. R61-20 - Communicable diseases.
10. R61-22 - Evaluation of school staff for tuberculosis.