

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

The School Board recognizes its dual responsibility to protect the health of students from risks posed by infectious diseases and to uphold the rights of students to a free and appropriate education. The district requires all staff to routinely observe universal precautions to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and prevent the spread of all infectious disease.

*(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)*

*(cf. 4119.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*

*(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)*

The admission of a student with an infectious disease identified by state health officials shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee according to standard health procedures. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with the student's parent/guardian and, as required, with the student's physician and/or the local health department.

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

**Students with Bloodborne Pathogen Infections**

Students with bloodborne pathogens are entitled to the rights and services accorded to other students. The sole presence of bloodborne pathogens is not sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school. Parents/guardians of students whose educational performance is adversely affected by an infectious disease are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee so that any such child will have access to appropriate district programs and services. The Superintendent or designee shall convene a review panel to make recommendations regarding appropriate programs and services for the student.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all of the student's rights to confidentiality are strictly observed in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee shall request that parents/guardians sign a release form to provide confidential medical information and records to the review panel.

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES** (continued)

*Legal Reference:*

ALASKA STATUTES

*14.30.045 Grounds for suspension or denial of admission*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

*4 AAC 06.060 Suspension or denial of admission*

*4 AAC 06.150 Confidentiality of AIDS information*

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

*20 United States Code, 1232g*

NONDISCRIMINATION UNDER REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

*20 United States Code, 794*

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