

The health and safety of students and staff will be primary considerations when dealing with communicable diseases. The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility for preserving the safety, protecting the general welfare, and promoting the physical, mental, and emotional health of students and employees.

Richmond School District, pursuant to federal, state and local laws and regulations and in cooperation with state and local public health agencies, shall maintain appropriate health standards pertaining to cases of known or suspected communicable diseases, as well as report such diseases to appropriate disease control centers. In an effort to promote the good health of students and staff, the District will educate students and staff about the risks of contracting or transmitting communicable diseases at school and at school-sponsored activities.

Students and staff may be excluded from school and/or school-related activities if they are suspected of or diagnosed as having a communicable disease (as defined by the Wisconsin Division of Health Guidelines <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/communicable/diseasereporting/index.htm>) that poses a significant health risk to others or that renders them unable to adequately perform their jobs or pursue their studies.

Students and District employees excluded from school pursuant to this policy may appeal their exclusion in accordance with administrative procedures.

In recognition that an individual's health status is personal and private, the District shall handle information pertaining to students' or employees' suspected or confirmed communicable disease in accordance with state and federal laws and District procedures with applicable public health reporting requirements.

Legal Reference: 113.31 Wisconsin Statutes
 118.01(2)(d)2c
 118.125
 118.13
 118.195
 118.20
 118.25
 121.02(1)(i)
 141.81 – 146.84
 Chapter 252
 PI18.01(g) and HFS 145, Wisconsin Administrative Code
 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1910 – Subpart 2 (Blood borne
 Pathogen Standard)
 HIPAA

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