

## STUDENT COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The East Dakota Educational Cooperative Board recognizes the need and right of all children to receive free and appropriate education. The Board further recognizes its responsibility to provide a healthy environment for students and school employees.

### **School Attendance**

The determination of whether an infected or potentially infected student is excluded from the classroom or school activities and how the student's needs will be met shall be made on a case by case basis, under the direction of the Cooperative Director.

Consideration regarding the need to exclude a student from school shall include the characteristics of the contagious disease, the medical condition of the student, and expected interaction with others in the school setting. If additional information is needed, consultation with medical care providers, the State Health Department, Center for Disease Control, and/or other experts may be necessary.

If the Cooperative Director or designee has reasonable cause to believe that a student is an infected individual, additional medical information may be needed before the student may return to school. If an infected student is not permitted to attend classes for ten (10) consecutive or intermittent school days, the Cooperative will provide the student with an appropriate educational program.

### **Confidentiality**

Information will not be revealed to the public about a student who may have a communicable disease. Appropriate information will be provided to school employees and/or the public if the potential for communicability is a factor.

### **Infection Control**

Employees are required to follow infection control practices as recommended by the Center for Disease Control or the State Health Department. Equipment and supplies needed to apply universal precautions will be provided.

If a situation occurs at school in which a student might have been exposed to an infectious agent Cooperative Director or designee shall inform the parents/guardians to seek medical advice.

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