



Policy: 9.24

SUBJECT: **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (STUDENTS)**

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1.0 Policy

Any student suspected of having a communicable disease will be brought to the attention of the principal by counselor, school health worker, teacher, or public health nurse for a decision regarding exclusion.

Note: Procedures for reporting communicable diseases and readmitting students are in the School Health Services Policy and Procedures Manual, available from the health and physical education department.

Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases

This policy will apply to all children with medical evidence of infection human T-lymphotropic virus type 111/lymphadenopathy-associated virus (HTLV-111/LAV). This includes children with AIDS as defined for reporting purposes; children who are diagnosed by their physicians as having an illness due to infection with HTLV-111/LAV but who do not meet the case definition; and children who are asymptomatic but have virologic or serologic evidence of infection with HTLV-111/LAV. These recommendations do not apply to siblings of infected children unless they are also infected.

Except as established hereinafter, such students shall be maintained in a normal classroom setting and shall be accommodated to the extent practicable. The identity of such children shall remain confidential and shall only be shared with school staff/professionals who are deemed to have a “need to know” in order to preserve the health of the student and/or third persons.

Decisions regarding the establishment of alternative accommodations, other than the regular classroom setting, shall be made for those students who lack neurological, psychological or behavioral control of their bodily fluids or secretions. Such decisions will be made through evaluation and assessment, utilizing the operational guidelines and

involving the student's physician, designated school personnel and a physician of the Detroit Health Department.

Administrative staff and/or other employees of the Board of Education who maliciously or negligently disseminate the identity of such student will be subject to disciplinary action.

HTLV-111 Viral Infection in its various stages requires constant monitoring of each individual case. In an effort to ensure the infected child's well being as well as that of the total school community, a permanent committee shall be established to monitor, review and make recommendations regarding the individual needs of the child.

Section I

When the Office of Pupil Personnel Services representing Detroit Public Schools and/or the Detroit Department of Health is/are notified by an attending physician, the school principal or the parent that a Detroit Public Schools student is infected with HTVL-111 Viral Infection, the following procedures will be implemented by the Office of Pupil Personnel Services.

A committee shall be convened, consisting of appropriate representation from the following departments:

- A. Office of Pupil Personnel Services
- B. Guidance and Counseling
- C. Health and Physical Education
- D. Psychological Services
- E. School Social Work Services
- F. Office of Special Education
- G. The City of Detroit Health Department

The parents or legal guardian and attending physician of the child shall also be invited to participate.

- The committee shall not be convened unless at least four (4) members are present and unless one is present representing the Detroit Health Department.
- The committee will review medical reports and other assessments and will make appropriate recommendations regarding the educational needs of the student to the General Superintendent.

Section II

The committee shall take into consideration the various stages of the illness (from laboratory identification to extremely serious) when making recommendations regarding the type of education setting for each child.

- Stage I -- Laboratory Identification
Identified through blood tests (asymptomatic)
- Stage II -- Symptoms of infection identified that are not explainable by medical conditions i.e., continuous or intermittent fever, swollen glands in two or more places on the body, chronic diarrhea lasting more than 2 weeks, unexplained weight loss of 10% or more of body weight. These signs may or may not be visible at all times.
- Stage III -- Diagnosed
- a. Ambulatory (participation in daily activities)
 - b. Hospitalized
 - c. Homecare
 - 1. Convalescence (getting ready to become ambulatory)
 - 2. Permanent Convalescence

Each stage will require that the committee assume the following responsibilities:

1. Monitor and maintain health records.
2. Determine those individuals who need to know about each case.
3. Make recommendations regarding appropriate educational setting and/or classes, programs, activities, etc.
4. Involve Special Education in the determination of appropriate educational setting.

In conformity with Detroit Board of Education policy, all records of the committee will be confidential and maintained in a secure location. All medical reports and other pertinent data received by any other unit within the school district shall be forwarded to the Office of Pupil Personnel Services. Neither original data nor copies will be kept in any other files in the school district.

The attending physician shall be requested to provide updated medical information to the committee every six months or more frequently if the situation warrants. The Detroit Health Department may provide this information when authorized by the attending physician or parent.

The committee shall also make recommendations for the inservice of staff at all classifications.

Attachments to Policy 9.24: None

See also: *Policies and Guidelines Regarding Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases among Detroit Public Schools Students and Employees*

Legal References: MCLA § 750.473 (**THIS IS TOBACCO**)

Labor Contract References: None