

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

FFAD
(LOCAL)

CHRONIC
REPORTABLE
DISEASES

Unless otherwise provided below, a student with a chronic reportable disease shall be allowed to attend school in his or her usual instructional setting with the approval of his or her doctor. The District's coordinator of health services shall function as the liaison with the student's doctor and be the coordinator of services provided by other staff. [See FFA]

CONFIDENTIALITY

Only those persons with a direct need to know, such as the principal, school nurse, or the District's coordinator of health services, shall be informed of the condition of the student who has a chronic reportable disease.

However, the parents of a minor student or an adult student may give written authorization specifying other persons or positions to whom such information may be released. District personnel who have such knowledge shall be provided with information concerning any precautions that may be necessary and shall be advised of confidentiality requirements. [See FL]

RISK OF
TRANSMISSION

The District medical advisor and the local health authority, in consultation with the District's coordinator of health services and the student's doctor, shall determine whether a risk of transmitting the disease exists. If it is determined that a risk of transmission exists, the student may be temporarily removed from the classroom until one of the following occurs:

1. An appropriate school program adjustment can be made.
2. An appropriate alternative or special education program can be established.
3. The local health authority determines the risk has abated and the student can return to the classroom.

Each removal of a student from normal school attendance under this circumstance shall be reviewed by the District medical advisor in consultation with the student's doctor at least once a month to determine whether the condition precipitating the removal has changed.

RISK TO AFFECTED
STUDENT

A decision to remove a student from the classroom for his or her own protection when cases of communicable diseases are occurring in the school population shall be made in accordance with Texas Department of Health guidelines [see FFAD(EXHIBIT)]; however, the placement of a special education student can be changed only by an ARD committee.

REFERRAL TO
SPECIAL
PROGRAMS

A student removed from the classroom under this policy may be referred to the ARD committee for assessment and a determination of eligibility for special education. A student determined to be ineli-

gible for special education services may nevertheless be eligible for other special services as a student with a disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Any decisions regarding restrictions on school attendance, participation in school activities, and hygiene procedures shall be made by the ARD committee (in the case of a special education student) or a group of professionals who are knowledgeable about the student (in the case of a student with a disability under Section 504). These committees shall consult the local health authority and the student's physician and parents in making such decisions. They shall also consider the significant health risk posed to and by the student in determining an appropriate individual education plan or other services to be provided.