

**Communicable Diseases**

**Code #453.03**

It is the policy of the Tri-County Area School District pursuant to federal, state and local laws and regulations, and in cooperation with state and local public health agencies, to establish and maintain appropriate health standards for the school environment, to promote good health of students and staff, and to educate students and staff in disease prevention methods and sound health practices. The health and safety of students and staff will be the primary consideration in dealing with communicable diseases.

In an effort to maintain a safe and healthful school environment, the District will provide educational opportunities to students and staff regarding measures that can be taken to reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting communicable diseases (including HIV infection and AIDS) at school and at school-related activities.

In recognition that an individual's health status is personal and private, the District will handle information regarding students and staff with suspected or confirmed communicable diseases in accord with state and federal law and Board policies regarding the confidentiality of student and staff records, while at the same time complying with applicable public health reporting requirements.

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 in the administrative rule that poses a significant health risk to others or that renders them unable to adequately perform their jobs or pursue their studies. Alternate educational opportunities will be arranged for students who must be excluded from school for a significant period of time. Students and staff excluded from school pursuant to this policy may appeal their exclusion as set forth in the administrative rules applying to this policy.

**Legal Reference:** Sections 103.15, 118.125, 118.13, 252.21 Wisconsin Statutes  
DHS Wisconsin Administrative Code

**Cross Reference:** 347.00, Student Records  
453.03AR, Communicable Diseases (Admin. Rule)  
526.00, Personnel Records

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