



## **Chico Unified School District**

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**Board Policy:**

**#5141.22**

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### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

The Governing Board desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students. The Board recognizes that prevention and education are the most effective means of limiting the spread of infectious disease. All measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases shall be nondiscriminatory and ensure that equity is promoted.

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*  
*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*  
*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*  
*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*  
*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*  
*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

If the local health officer notifies the district of an outbreak of a communicable disease, or the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, the district shall take any action that the health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the disease. The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws in regard to any such information received from the local health officer. (Health and Safety Code 120175.5)

Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

*(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)*  
*(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*

#### **Students with Infectious Diseases**

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students from on-campus instruction only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*  
*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. If necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the local health official of any potential outbreak. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality and privacy rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

*(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)*  
*(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)*  
*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

#### **Legal Reference:**

**EDUCATION CODE**  
48210-48216 Persons excluded  
49060-49069.7 Student records  
49073-49079 Privacy of pupil records

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49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of pupils

49405 Smallpox control

49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)

49408 Student emergency information

49602 Counseling and confidentiality of student information

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

### CIVIL CODE

56-56.37 Confidentiality of Medical Information Act

1798-1798.78 Information Practices Act

### HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120175.5 Local health officers and communicable diseases

120230 Exclusion for communicable disease

120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases

120875-120895 AIDS information

120975-121023 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

### CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, Section 1 Right to Privacy

### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 Bloodborne pathogens

### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500-2511 Communicable disease reporting requirements

### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

### UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

### CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

164.500-164.534 Privacy of individually identifiable health information

### COURT DECISIONS

Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1986) 662 F.Supp. 376

#### Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

School District (K-12) Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist

#### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>