

The School Board of Leon County Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Leon County were adopted on September 4, 2012, and were in effect beginning September 5, 2012.

8450.01 - CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT CONTAGIOUS ILLNESSES

The School Board recognizes that control of the spread of communicable illnesses spread through casual contact is essential to the well-being of the school community and to the efficient District operation. Students with such illnesses or medical conditions, or with symptoms of such illnesses or medical conditions, may attend school if their attendance does not pose a significant risk to themselves or others.

Exclusion from attending school is warranted when the Principal determines that a student is too ill to participate in school activities; the condition creates an unsafe or unhealthy environment for others at school; when the illness requires a level of care or observation that cannot be managed at school; or when the presence of the ill student poses a significant risk to himself/herself or others.

For purposes of this policy, "casual-contact contagious illnesses" shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. respiratory infections,
- B. conjunctivitis,
- C. skin infection (see AP [8453.03](#) - Handling of Skin Infections),
- D. head lice/scabies,
- E. streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat),
- F. others designated by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

For purposes of this policy, "casual-contact contagious illness symptoms," shall include, but not be limited to fever, diarrhea, vomiting and others that prevent participation in school activities.

In order to protect the health and safety of the students, District personnel, and the community at large, the Board shall follow all State statutes and Health Department regulations that pertain to immunization (see also Policy [5320](#)) and other means for controlling contagious illnesses spread through normal interaction in the school setting.

If a student exhibits symptoms of a contagious illness, then the Principal will isolate the student in the building, contact the school nurse, and attempt to contact the parents. The District will follow guidance of the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding whether or not the student who exhibits symptoms of a contagious illness should be excluded from school for a prescribed period of time.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures for the control of contagious illnesses which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. instruction of instructional staff members in the detection of these contagious illnesses and measures for their prevention and control;
- B. removal of students from District property to the care of a responsible adult; and
- C. preparation of standards for the readmission of students who have recovered from casual-contact contagious illnesses.

American Academy of Pediatrics

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