

### **Communicable and Infectious Diseases**

The Board of Education recognizes that school nurses, or school officials if school nurse is not present, are required by law to report to the Iowa Department of Public Health all suspected cases of communicable and infectious diseases occurring among the children supervised. The board recognizes that students with a communicable or infectious disease, as defined by the State Department of Health, may be able to attend school without creating a risk of transmission of the illness or other harm to the students or the employees per guidance of the local or state health department. The board also recognizes there may be greater risks for the transmission of communicable or infectious disease for some persons with certain conditions than for other persons infected with the same disease. Therefore, it shall be the responsibility of the school nurse/superintendent/or designee to consult with local or state health authorities when it is deemed necessary to assess a student's health status for school attendance and to apply the guidelines for communicable and infectious diseases.

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