

GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENT

POLICY 3414: INFECTIOUS DISEASES

In order to safeguard the school and community from the spread of certain communicable diseases the superintendent shall implement procedures assuring that all school buildings are in compliance with State Board of Health rules and regulations regarding the presence of a person(s) who have or has been exposed to infectious diseases deemed dangerous to the public health. Such procedures shall also prescribe the manner in which safeguards are taken to remove the danger to others.

The district shall require that the parents or guardian shall complete a medical history form and a certificate of immunization status (CIS) form which contain information on immunity to vaccine preventable, communicable diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenza (Hib). The school nurse may use such reports to advise the parent of the need for further medical attention and to plan for potential health problems in school.

The board authorizes the school principal to exclude a student or staff member who has been diagnosed by a physician or is suspected of having an infectious disease in accordance with the regulations within the most current [Infectious Disease Control Guide](#). The district nurse shall report the presence of suspected case or cases of reportable communicable disease to the appropriate local health authority as required by the State Board of Health. The district nurse shall cooperate with the local health officials in the investigation of the source of the disease.

The fact that a student has been tested for a sexually transmitted disease, the test result and any information relating to the diagnosis or treatment of a sexually transmitted disease must be kept strictly confidential. If the district has a release, the information may be disclosed pursuant to the restrictions in the release.

A school principal or district nurse has the authority to send an ill child or staff member home without the concurrence of the local health officer, but if the disease is reportable, the local health officer must be notified. The local health officer is the primary resource in the identification and control of infectious disease in community and school. The local health officer, in consultation with the superintendent, can take whatever action deemed necessary to control or eliminate the spread of disease, including closing a school.

Cross Reference: Policy 5054; Policy 5160

Legal References: RCW 28A.210.010 Contagious diseases, limiting contact-rules and regulations; CH 246-101 School District-Contagious Diseases

WAC 246-100-071 Responsibility for reporting to local health department; 246-100-076 Reportable diseases and conditions

[Washington State Department of Health](#)

[Chapter 70.02 RCW Medical records — Health care information access and disclosure](#)

[RCW 28A.210.010 Contagious diseases, limiting contact — Rules](#)

[Chapter 246-110 WAC Contagious disease --School districts and day care centers](#)

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