

### **Communicable/Infectious Diseases**

The Board of Education recognizes that communicable diseases which may afflict students range from common childhood diseases, acute and short-term in nature, to chronic, life-threatening diseases such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. This school district shall rely on the advice of the medical community in assessing the risk of transmission of various communicable diseases to determine how best to protect the health of both students and staff. The risk of transmitting HIV/AIDS is extremely low in school settings when current guidelines and preventative measures are followed.

Management of common communicable diseases shall be in accordance with Colorado Department of Health guidelines. A student who exhibits symptoms of a readily-transmissible communicable disease may be temporarily excluded from school attendance.

Students who complain of illness at school may be referred to the school nurse or health designee and may be sent home as soon as the parent/guardian or person designated on the student's emergency medical authorization form has been notified.

The district reserves the right to require a health provider's statement authorizing the student's return to school.

In all proceedings related to this policy, the district shall respect the student's right to privacy.

When information is received by a staff member or volunteer that a student is afflicted with a serious, readily-transmissible disease, the staff member or volunteer shall promptly notify the school nurse or principal to determine appropriate measures to protect student and staff health and safety. The principal, after consultation with the student and parent/guardian, shall determine which additional staff members, if any, have need to know of the affected student's condition. Only those persons with direct responsibility for the care of the student shall be informed of the specific nature of the condition if it is determined there is a need for such individuals to know this information.

The superintendent shall initiate procedures to ensure that all medical information will be held in strict confidence. Any school staff member who violates confidentiality shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-33-104 (2)(a) (*compulsory attendance law not applicable to a student who is temporarily ill and such absence is approved*)

C.R.S. 22-33-106 (2) (*grounds for suspension, expulsion and denial of admission*)

CROSS REFS.: EBBA, Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling Body Fluids)

JLCA, Physical Examinations of Students

JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

NOTE: See the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) guidelines, "Infectious Disease in School Settings: Guidelines for School Nurses and Personnel," available on CDPHE's website, [www.cdphe.state.co.us](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us).

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### **First Aid and Emergency Medical Care**

No treatment of injuries except first aid shall be permitted in the schools. First aid is that immediate help given by the best qualified person at hand in case of accident or sudden illness.

The school district will endeavor to offer CPR and first aid training every other year to as many staff members as possible. During the school day and during school sponsored events, including those off-site, at least one staff person shall be on duty who has a current certification from a nationally recognized course in standard first aid and CPR. First aid kits shall be stored and properly maintained in each school in accordance with applicable school health rules.

Any person who in good faith provides emergency care or assistance without compensation at the place of the emergency or accident shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions in good faith. State law also exempts from civil liability certain health care providers who render emergency assistance in good faith and without compensation to persons injured in a competitive sport activity.

Treatment of injuries occurring outside school jurisdiction is not the responsibility of school employees.

The school's obligation continues after the injury until the injured student has been placed in the care of the parent/guardian or emergency health personnel. Therefore, the parents/guardians of all students shall be asked to sign and submit an emergency medical authorization form which shall indicate the procedure they wish the school to follow in the event of a medical emergency involving their child.

In all cases where the nature of an illness or an injury appears serious, the parent/guardian shall be contacted if possible and the instructions on the student's emergency card followed. In extreme emergencies, where there is potential threat to life, limb or digit, school personnel shall immediately call emergency health personnel to arrange for transporting the student to an emergency facility on advice of emergency health personnel.

No elementary student who is ill or injured shall be sent home alone nor shall a secondary student be sent home alone unless the illness is minor and the parent/guardian has consented in advance.

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**LEGAL REFS.:** C.R.S. 13-21-108 (*civil immunity for persons rendering emergency assistance*)

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C.R.S. 13-21-108.5 (*civil immunity for health care providers who assist in sports injuries*)

C.R.S. 22-1-125 (*requirements concerning automated external defibrillators in schools*)

C.R.S. 24-10-106.5 (*public entity duty of care*)

6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 6.13(D) (*first aid and CPR certification requirement*)

CROSS REFS.: GBGAB\*, First Aid Training

JLCD, Administering Medications to Students

JLIB, Student Dismissal Precautions

*NOTE: Pursuant to C.R.S. 22-1-125, school districts must accept a donation of an automated external defibrillator (AED) that meets standards established by the federal food and drug administration and is in compliance with the manufacturer's maintenance schedule. School districts must also accept gifts, grants and donations designated for obtaining AEDs and/or for the inspection, maintenance and training in the use of an AED.*

## **Administering Medications to Students**

School personnel may administer prescription or nonprescription medications to students as defined under board policy.

Medication may be administered to students by school personnel whom a registered nurse has trained and delegated the task of administering such medication. For purposes of this policy, the term "medication" includes both prescription medication and nonprescription medication, but does not include medical marijuana. The administration of medical marijuana shall be in accordance with the Board's policy on administration of medical marijuana to qualified students.

The term "nonprescription medication" includes but is not limited to over-the-counter medications, homeopathic and herbal medications, vitamins and nutritional supplements. Medication may be administered to students by the school nurse or other school designee only when the following requirements are met:

1. Medication shall be in the original properly labeled container. If it is a prescription medication, the student's name, name of the medication, dosage, how often it is to be administered, and name of the prescribing health care practitioner shall be printed on the container.
2. The school shall have received written permission to administer the medication from the student's health care practitioner with prescriptive authority under Colorado law.
3. The school shall have received written permission from the student's parent/guardian to administer the medication to the student.
4. The parent/guardian shall be responsible for providing all medication to be administered to the student.

### **Self-administration of medication for asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis**

A student with asthma, a food allergy, other severe allergies, or a related, life-threatening condition may possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or related, life-threatening condition. Self-administration of such medication may occur during school hours, at school-sponsored activities, or while in transit to and from school or a school-sponsored activity. Student possession and self-administration of such medication shall be in accordance with the regulation accompanying this policy.

Authorization for a student to possess and self-administer medication to treat the student's asthma, food or other allergy, anaphylaxis or other related, life-threatening condition may be limited or revoked by the school principal after consultation with the

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school nurse and the student's parent/guardian if the student demonstrates an inability to responsibly possess and self-administer such medication.

Student possession, use, distribution, sale or being under the influence of medication inconsistent with this policy shall be considered a violation of Board policy concerning drug and alcohol involvement by students and may subject the student to disciplinary consequences, including suspension and/or expulsion, in accordance with applicable Board policy.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 12-38-132 (delegation of nursing tasks)  
C.R.S. 22-1-119 (no liability for adverse drug reactions/side effects)  
C.R.S. 22-1-119.5 (Colorado Schoolchildren's Asthma, Food Allergy, and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act)  
C.R.S. 22-2-135 (Colorado School Children's Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act)  
C.R.S. 24-10-101 et seq. (Colorado Governmental Immunity Act)  
1 CCR 301-68 (State Board of Education rules regarding Administration of Colorado School Children's Asthma and Anaphylaxis Act and Colorado School Children's Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act)  
6 CCR 1010-6, Rule 9-105 (regulations)

CROSS REFS.: JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students  
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students  
JLCDA\*, Students with Food Allergies  
JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

*NOTE: The Colorado Department of Education (CDE), in collaboration with various school districts and other organizations, updated its guidelines titled "Medication Administration in the School Setting: Guidelines" (revised May 2010). These guidelines are available on CDE's website.*