

# POLICY JLCC

## Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

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Responsible Office: Associate Superintendent for Instruction

### Communicable/Infectious Diseases

#### I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education is committed to protect the health and safety of students in the district.

#### II. POSITION

The legitimate educational and confidentiality rights of students with communicable diseases or who are carriers of communicable diseases shall be protected. The district will not require mandatory testing or screening of students for communicable disease as a condition to register for school or to being admitted into school, either initially or annually. However, if school authorities have reasonable cause to believe that a student has, or is a carrier of a communicable disease, such student may be required to submit to an appropriate medical examination at the expense of the district.

It is recommended that parents or guardians or students attending or enrolling schools of the district disclose to the school nurse or Health Services Director, the fact that the child is a carrier of, or is infected with, either a chronic or an acute communicable disease as soon as the parents or guardians become aware of the condition so that appropriate accommodations can be made for the student while also protecting the health and safety of the remaining students in the district.

Parents shall not allow their children to come to school with an acute communicable disease or symptoms of an acute communicable disease. School health services staff will follow the recommendations of the New Mexico Department of Health regarding appropriate school response to students who have symptoms at school of a communicable disease as noted in the New Mexico School Health Manual, Section X, Communicable Disease Control.

#### III. REVIEW AND REPORTING

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

*History: Formerly Policy 465 "Student Communicable Diseases"*

*Legal Reference: 7.4.3.13 NMAC*



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*Board of Education, President*

Oct. 3, 2006

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