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STUDENT PERSONNEL

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Policy Title: Communicable Diseases

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All known cases of communicable diseases (as defined by the Iowa Department of Health) shall be reported to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall provide information with regard to cases of communicable disease only as required by law and as necessary to assure appropriate handling of the student's case.

In accordance with Iowa Code 282.3(1), any student with a communicable disease shall be excluded when his or her condition may threaten the health of others or when the student is too ill to attend school. The student's legal guardian, together with the student's physician, shall make the initial decision as to whether the student should be excluded.

If the legal guardian and physician do not exclude the student, the Superintendent may exclude the student if the student is too ill to attend school or if his or her attendance would threaten the health of others. The student may be required to submit to an examination at the District's cost by a physician chosen by the District.

In deciding whether the student shall be excluded from or allowed to return to school, the Superintendent shall consider the recommendations of the physician, the student's legal guardian, public health personnel, and District personnel directly associated with the case or educational setting. Consideration shall be given to the best interests of the infected student and to the interests of other students and personnel in the educational setting.

At the time of a student's proposed return to school, the Superintendent may require the student to provide a signed statement from his or her physician which

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states that the student is physically (medically) capable of returning to school and that his or her condition is no longer threatening to others.

If the Superintendent has reason to believe that the student's condition continues to threaten the health of others, the student may be required to submit to an examination at the District's cost by a physician chosen by the District.

Decisions regarding student placement in school will be based on current knowledge of the disease. Each individual case will be reviewed by appropriate considerations within the District.

If a student is excluded from school under this policy, the District shall provide home instruction consistent with student needs.

Any information, particularly health information, about AIDS on an individual student, will be kept strictly confidential.