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5.28 - Students Infected With Serious Communicable Diseases

POLICY:

When medical documentation exists indicating a student is infected with a serious communicable disease, these procedures shall be followed:

- (1) The case will be referred to a review board known as the Levy County Medical Evaluation Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee. This Committee shall consist of, but not be limited to, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the infected child, if they so choose, the child's physician, the County Public Health Medical Director, a senior school administrator, the School Board Attorney, and the Exceptional Student Education Director. No personally identifiable information shall be made available to the Committee.
- (2) The Committee shall make recommendations to the Superintendent regarding the education, safety, and welfare of the infected student, as well as that of other students and school personnel. Placement recommendations to the Superintendent shall be based on the circumstances surrounding each case. The majority of cases will fall into one or more of the categories below:
 - (a) Any infected student experiencing a mental, emotional, or physical disabling condition be served according to rules and policies governing the appropriate Exceptional Student Education category. A recommendation of referral for an Exceptional Student Education evaluation may be made by the Committee. An appropriate district staffing committee should make recommendations for placement in a program and for developing an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in accordance with the procedures established in P.L.94-142. Appropriate due process procedures shall be followed.
 - (b) Any infected student determined for medical or behavioral reasons to pose a significant risk of transmission of a serious communicable disease to other students shall be provided with reasonable accommodations environment which will minimize the risk of transmission to others.
 - (c) Based on medical documentation and parental request, an infected student may be granted an exemption from compulsory school attendance in accordance with procedures defined in Florida Statute 1003.21.
 - (d) The condition of the student shall be assessed weekly by a representative of the Health Department and additional meetings of the full Committee may be convened upon request of the Health Department.

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- (e) The opportunity shall exist for the reassessment of the student accommodations and disability upon request by the parent.
- (f) The Superintendent shall review the recommendations of the Committee and make a final decision in the matter.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

1001.41 (2), 1001.42 (17), F.S.

LAWS IMPLEMENTED:

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