COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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A. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
   1. Teachers and other personnel will report students with symptoms of illness or communicable disease to the school nurse.
   2. Students with a communicable disease will be excluded from school as prescribed by law or shall observe other protective procedures according to recommendations issued by the school physician or state guidelines.
   3. The school nurse shall be responsible for notifying the state health department of all students having reportable communicable diseases when appropriate.
   4. When a student returns to school after having had a communicable disease, a certificate from the attending physician may be required by the principal before authorizing the student’s readmission.

B. OTHER CONDITIONS
   1. When the school nurse determines that a student is offensive to others because of lack of personal hygiene, the principal will be notified. The school nurse will notify the parents of the offending condition. The condition must be remedied before the student will be readmitted.
   2. When the school nurse determines that a student is a bearer of vermin or parasites, the principal will be notified. The school nurse will notify the parents of the condition. The condition must be remedied before the student will be readmitted.
   3. Readmission of a student after exclusion under section B “1” or “2” above may occur after examination by the school nurse and verification that the condition is acceptable. A physician’s statement may be required in certain cases as determined by the school nurse.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A., Section 6301; 6351A; 6551; 1001.11-A 22 M.R.S.A., Section 801; 802; 806; 823; 824; 1016 5 M.R.S.A., Section 19201 et seq.

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