

RSU 16 (Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland) (msm)✓

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COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

PHILOSOPHY:

It is the philosophy of the RSU 16 School Board that active monitoring by school staff of students for communicable/infectious diseases is a need and a responsibility.

POLICY:

Teachers shall be alert to signs of illness and communicable/infectious diseases and refer students who show such symptoms to the school nurse.

The Superintendent/school nurse shall be responsible for notifying the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of any student suspected of having a communicable disease, the occurrence of which is required to be reported pursuant to law and/or Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) rules. The building principal will be notified when a report of communicable disease has been made.

All students under quarantine shall be excluded from school and school activities. Quarantine regulations established by the Bureau of Health shall be observed. The school nurse shall be responsible for notifying the local health department of all students having a communicable/infectious disease as required by law and Department of Education rules. The building principal shall be notified of all communicable/infectious disease cases and contacts in the school.

Any student for whom the CDC has prescribed isolation or quarantine shall be excluded from school and school activities. Children who have other types of communicable diseases shall be excluded from school and school activities as prescribed by law, or shall observe other protective procedures according to recommendations issued by the school physician/school health advisor/school nurse.

The Superintendent is encouraged to consult with the school nurse if a teacher informs the Superintendent that there is reason to believe that a student is a public health threat due to a communicable disease.

When a student returns to school after having had a communicable/infectious disease, a certificate from the attending physician is required. A certificate from the student's health care provider shall be required before a student who has had a "notifiable" communicable disease may return to school or participate in school activities. The building principal and/or the school nurse must give permission before the student is re-admitted to class.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

5 MRSA § 19201 et seq.

20-A MRSA §§ 1001.11-A, 6301

22 MRSA §§ 801, 802, 806, 823, 824

Maine Dept. of Health and Human Services Rule Ch. 258(2015)

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