

# POLICY

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Noninstructional/Business Operations

**SUBJECT:** Communicable Diseases

Whenever, upon investigation and evaluation by the school physician or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of the school physician, a student in the public schools shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he/she shall be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The school physician shall immediately notify a local public health agency of any disease reportable under the public health law.

Following absence on account of illness or from unknown cause, the school physician may examine each student returning to a school without a certificate from a local public Health Officer, a duly licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

The school physician, or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of the school physician, may make evaluations of teachers and any other school employees, school buildings and premises as, in their discretion, they may deem necessary to protect the health of the students and staff.

Regulations and procedures will be developed for dealing with communicable diseases in ways that protect the health of both students and staff while minimizing the disruption of the education process.

Education Law Section 906  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)  
Sections 136.3(h) and 136.3(i)

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