

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board recognizes the importance of protecting its students and employees from the transmission of communicable diseases which present a threat to their health and safety while also protecting the legitimate interests and rights of students and employees with communicable diseases. The Regional School Board directs the director to act in compliance with applicable law to exclude from school attendance or work in the school setting any person who has a communicable disease. Both the decision to remove the student or employee and the decision to readmit the student or to permit the employee to return to work are made by the director based upon consultation with the local health department, the student's or employee's physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner and/or other medical authorities.

The identity of a student who has a communicable disease is kept confidential and revealed only in accordance with state law. An alternative educational program is made available to any student whose removal pursuant to this policy is expected to result in a prolonged absence from school or where otherwise required by law.

Administrative procedures concerning the exclusion of employees and students with communicable diseases are consistent with the requirements of law, including the policies of the Virginia Department of Education and reflect current medical knowledge and research.

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