

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District #33 (Chilliwack)**

**423.2
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
Communicable Diseases**

The Board recognizes its obligation to protect the health and safety of the entire school community. The Board shall endeavour to protect, whenever possible, students and employees from exposure to communicable diseases. Should a communicable disease including the AIDS virus infection, be contracted, the Board acknowledges the right of a student to a free and full education in the public school system and the right of an employee to continue his/her employment. Further, the Board recognizes that individual students and employees have a right to confidentiality in all health matters.

In all cases the advice of the District Medical Health Officer will be solicited and followed.

1. **Students with communicable diseases including AIDS virus:**
 - a) Not withstanding the provisions of Section 109 (4) of the *School Act* a student with a communicable disease including AIDS virus infection, shall not be excluded from school unless the attending physician and/or the District Medical Health Officer advise otherwise in writing.
 - b) An uninfected student who has a family member with AIDS virus infection shall not be excluded from school.
2. **Employees with communicable diseases including AIDS virus:**
 - a) An employee with a communicable disease including AIDS virus infection shall not be excluded from his/her employment unless the attending physician and/or the District Medical Health Officer advise otherwise in writing.
 - b) An uninfected employee who has a family member with AIDS virus shall have the right to continue his/her employment.

Cross Refs:

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3. **Education programs:**
Information on communicable diseases including AIDS virus infection, its nature, transmission and prevention, shall be made available to all employees.
4. **Safety health precautions:**
 - a) District employees who may be in contact with students with communicable diseases shall be given training in appropriate safety procedures.
 - b) Adequate first aid supplies will be provided, in all district buildings. Suitable protection will be provided in all District buildings for the safe handling of body secretions.
5. **Confidentiality:**
The confidentiality of the student or employee with AIDS virus or other communicable diseases shall be maintained at all times. Dissemination of any information shall be restricted to those who in the opinion of the Superintendent, with the advice of the Medical Health Officer, need to know.
6. **Volunteers:**
Volunteers who have contracted a communicable disease including the AIDS virus infection and who regularly have close contact with students have the right to continue volunteering subject to the advice of the Medical Health Officer.