

# Downey Unified School District

## STUDENTS

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

AR 2620

In determining whether to admit or exclude a child with a suspected or diagnosed infectious or communicable disease, the following procedures will be used:

1. A review panel will be convened to develop recommendations for the appropriate program placement of a student with infectious or communicable disease. The Superintendent or designee shall request written permission from the parent/guardian so that any confidential information about the medical, psychological or educational condition of the student may be obtained before the panel convenes.
2. The review panel will be composed of the Superintendent or designee, District nurse, counselor or classroom teacher, student's physician, the parent/guardian and, if appropriate, the student. Written statements from the physician indicating that the student poses no increased risk to self or his/her classmates may be submitted in lieu of attendance.
3. After reviewing all pertinent information, the panel will recommend an appropriate placement which may include alternative programs such as independent study or home teaching.
4. The panel will also develop a written plan recommending procedures for personal care and for modification, if necessary, of the student's academic program.
5. All information about the infected student shall be held in confidence according to Health and Safety Code 199.42. The panel will encourage the parent/guardian to give written permission allowing the classroom teacher(s) and aide(s) to be informed.
6. The parent/guardian may appeal the placement recommendation to the Board of Education.
7. If the committee recommends exclusion, the case will be referred to the Board of Education in accordance with AR 2440.
8. A biannual review of the student's program will be made by the placement committee or at any time requested by staff or the parent/guardian.