

Policy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:00 AM  
Remote Session

- I. CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - II.A. Approval of minutes from the April 8, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.
- III. DISCUSSION OF POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND BYLAWS
  - III.A. Discussion to sunset 5141.2: Student Illness
  - III.B. Discussion to sunset 5141.22: Students Afflicted with Communicable Disease
- IV. DISCUSSION OF POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND BYLAWS IN FUTURE MEETINGS
- V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE
  - V.A. The next scheduled meeting of the Policy Committee is June 4, 2024 (remote meeting).
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Policy Committee Meeting**

Monday, April 8, 2024

9:00 AM

Remote Session

**Present:** Steven Ezzes, Sharon Ferraro, Michael Guido. Present: 3.

I. **CALL TO ORDER, VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting began at 9:05 AM

**Additional Attendees:**

Lisa Barbiero, Superintendent of Schools; Tina Henckel, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Richman-Smith; Counsel, Shippman & Goodwin  
Move that the Policy Committee begin the April 8, 2024 meeting.  
Unseconded with a motion by Ferraro, Sharon.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **Approval of minutes from the March 5, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.**

Move that the Policy Committee approve the minutes from the March 5, 2024 meeting. Carried with a motion by Ezzes, Steven and a second by Guido, Michael.

Steven Ezzes: Yea, Sharon Ferraro: Yea, Michael Guido: Yea  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0

III. **DISCUSSION OF POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND BYLAWS**

A. **Discussion with counsel regarding residency**

Jessica Richman-Smith attended the meeting to discuss certain aspects of policy/regulation 5111, specifically future residents and unforeseen circumstances.

B. **Discussion of new Artificial Intelligence Policy**

Tina Henckel presented a new policy to the committee, Artificial Intelligence Policy. Dr. Henckel explained that a district advisory committee was created to review the language first, and then talk about internal practices and what they would like to see when adopting AI tools, not only for students but for teachers as well.

C. **Sunset 6153.1 Educational Tours**

Tina Henckel presented this policy to the committee and indicated the language and process regarding education tours is no longer applicable. The field trip policy was revised last year and incorporates this information, therefore the request is to sunset this policy

IV. **DISCUSSION OF POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND BYLAWS IN FUTURE MEETINGS**

V. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

A. The next scheduled meeting of the Policy Committee is May 7, 2024 (remote meeting).

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 AM.

Move that the Policy Committee adjourn the April 8, 2024 meeting.

Carried with a motion by Ezzes, Steven and a second by Guido, Michael.

Steven Ezzes: Yea, Sharon Ferraro: Yea, Michael Guido: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodi Sacchetta

StudentsIllness

School health personnel work under the supervision and direction of the school physician for all matters pertaining to school health.

The school nurse is on duty during the school day to treat any accident, illness or injury. If treatment other than first aid is required, the school notifies the parent. In the absence of a parent, the family physician, school physician, or emergency contact may be called.

For the health safety of other children, parents are requested to keep their children with colds home for at least the first 48 hours. Children complaining of sore throats, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, skin eruption or fever should remain home until the symptoms disappear. Children with encrusted red lesions of the skin, especially around the nose, mouth and ear lobes may be excluded from school by the school nurse. Readmission will be allowed after lesions have cleared or by a physician's written statement, following personal diagnosis, that the condition is not contagious.

Contagious Disease

If, in the opinion of the school nurse, a child appears to have a communicable disease or is reasonably considered to be a carrier of a communicable disease, the school nurse may require the exclusion of such child from school, either until the child no longer appears to be contagious, or until the child is certified as being non-contagious by a treating physician.

Parents are requested to notify the school health office if their child has a contagious disease. The following is an exclusion schedule for communicable diseases:

1. Chicken Pox: Until blisters are well crusted - approximately one week.
2. German Measles: Until no rash or fever for 2 days - approximately one week.
3. Measles: Until no rash or fever for 2 days - approximately one week.
4. Mumps: Until no swelling, tenderness or fever for 72 hours.
5. Scarlet Fever: Two days after institution of penicillin therapy provided temperature is normal for 24 hours.

Illness

Contagious Diseases (continued)

6. Strep Throat: After 48 hours of antibiotic treatment.
7. Whooping Cough: Until no fever and no cough. Note of readmission from doctor is required.
8. Pink-Eye or Conjunctivitis: Note of readmission from doctor is required.
9. Common Cold: From onset for a minimum of 48 hours.
10. Impetigo: Until lesions start to dry. Readmission note from doctor is required.
11. Ringworm: Until lesions start to dry. Readmission note from doctor is required.
12. Head Lice: After special head lice shampoo and removal of all nits.

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WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Weston, Connecticut

StudentsStudents Afflicted with Communicable Disease

The Weston Board of Education recognizes that children afflicted with a communicable disease have a right to receive an education. to accommodate the interests of students with communicable diseases and the interests of parents, other students and employees, the Board directs the administration to establish regulations which ensure that:

1. Any student with a communicable disease receives a public education in accord with the requirements of current law.
2. Any student with a communicable disease will have his/her right to privacy preserved with only specified staff or government officials, as required by law, alerted to the student's health condition.
3. Specific information and training will be provided to all personnel involved in the education of students with a communicable disease.

An identified case of communicable disease will be reported by the medical advisor or designee to government officials as required by law. Director of Special Services or designee shall request that government officials provide the school system with any relevant information pertaining to any citizen with a communicable disease who has either directly or indirectly had contact with the school's students and/or employees.

This policy will be revised periodically to the extent required by legal requirements and/or medical developments.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76b State suspension of special education programs and services

10-76d-15 Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education

10-207 Duties of medical advisors

10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian

19a-221 Quarantine of certain persons

Students Afflicted with Communicable Disease

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

Education for all Handicapped Children Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400,  
et seq.

Section 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C.  
706(7)(B)

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StudentsStudents Afflicted with a Communicable Disease

The following regulations outline the procedures to be followed whenever a student is identified as being afflicted with a communicable disease.

1. Students presently in the school system or those seeking entry into the school system identified as having a communicable disease will initially be placed in an alternative educational program if deemed necessary by the school medical advisory to protect against transmission. The medical advisor will then refer the student's case to the Communicable Disease Team.
2. A Communicable Disease Team may convene upon appropriate medical advice. The convention of such team will be within ten (10) school days of receiving information regarding the student's condition. Participants on this team will include the child's parents or guardian, the Director of Special Services, the building principal, the school nurse, the school medical advisor, the child's physician, and appropriate school staff.
3. In determining whether a student's condition warrants exclusion from the regular school program the following factors shall be applied:
  - A. Current medical condition.
  - B. Current medical knowledge.
  - C. Social and emotional development.
  - D. Behavior patterns.
  - E. Expected interaction with other children and staff.
  - F. Special education statutes.
  - G. Other factors as required by law.
4. A Program Team comprised of appropriate school staff will meet within a period of ten (10) school days to determine an appropriate alternative educational program in the event the Communicable Disease Team determines that the student's condition warrants exclusion from the normal school program.

Students Afflicted with a Communicable Disease

In cases involving a previously identified special education student or a student deemed by the Communicable Disease Programming Team to be a special education student, the Communicable Disease Programming shall refer such student to the Planning and Placement Team. The Planning and Placement Team will have primary responsibility for planning an educational program for such a student.

5. The privacy rights of students with a communicable disease shall be strictly observed by school staff. Information regarding a student's health condition will be provided only to personnel involved in providing direct services to the student, and to government officials, as required by law. The Communicable Disease Programming Team shall determine which personnel will be informed.
6. Staff responsible for providing an educational program to students with a communicable disease will receive information and training from appropriate medical and administrative staff. This training will include necessary information concerning the student's medical condition, methods to ensure against transmission of the disease, and appropriate instructional strategies.
7. A review of the student's medical condition shall be required and reported to the Communicable Disease Programming Team by the medical advisor at least every ninety (90) days or whenever a significant change in the child's medical condition occurs.
8. The Communicable Disease Programming Team will review the educational program of each student afflicted with a communicable disease at least every ninety (90) days.

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