

# ***POLICY***

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## **STUDENTS - COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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Westfield Washington Schools (“WWS”) values the safety and health of all students and employees therefore, students with serious communicable diseases, as defined by the Center for Disease Control or the Indiana State Department of Health, may be excluded from school in accordance with state law.

In accordance with state and federal law, students’ medical or epidemiological information involving a communicable disease or other disease that is a danger to health will be held confidential, unless specific exceptions apply.

In order to protect the health and safety of the students, Corporation personnel, and the community at large, the Board shall follow all State statutes and Health Department regulations which pertain to immunization and other means for casual-contact controlling communicable disease spread through normal interaction in the school setting.

Parents or guardians of students with immune deficiency syndromes may be informed in the event of an infectious communicable disease outbreak at school.

WWS employees who have direct contact with blood or other bodily fluids shall use universal precautions and the OSHA blood-borne pathogens standards to prevent the transmission of dangerous communicable diseases. WWS employees who fail to use universal precautions and the OSHA blood-borne pathogens standards may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.