

**TUBERCULOSIS TESTING**

The Board of Education recognizes that tuberculosis poses a public health threat. Treatment of active cases of this disease is the most effective means of controlling its spread.

The number of tuberculosis cases in our county is on the rise. The County Public Health Officer therefore requires tuberculosis testing, and follow-up if appropriate, before students enter school.

The Superintendent or designee may require a tuberculosis skin test when qualified medical personnel reasonably suspect that a student has active tuberculosis. If there is an outbreak of tuberculosis at any school, the Superintendent or designee may require all students at the school to undergo tuberculosis skin tests.

Students known to have had a positive tuberculosis skin test shall be excluded from school until they provide evidence of a follow-up x-ray and appropriate medical care or are no longer suspected of having active tuberculosis.

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)*  
*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

All district staff shall receive information on how tuberculosis is spread and how it can be prevented and treated.

*(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)*  
*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*  
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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy*

*49451 Parent's refusal to consent*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

*120230 Exclusion of persons from school*

*120875 Providing information to school districts on AIDS, AIDS-related conditions & Hepatitis B*

*120880 Information to employees of school district*

*121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils*