

CONTAGIOUS AND LIFE THREATENING DISEASES

The Yale Board of Education is concerned for the health and well-being of students and staff of the public schools. While the general health and physical well-being of a student is the responsibility of the parent, the board believes that teachers and administrators should promote and encourage the maintenance of a healthy body and mind.

Oklahoma law (70 O.S. §1210.194 and 63 O.S. §1-507) prohibits any child afflicted with a contagious disease from attending a public, private, or parochial school until such time as the child is free from such contagious disease.

Oklahoma law (70 O.S. §10-105 [1]) also permits the exclusion of a child by reason of mental or physical disability as determined by the board of education upon a certificate of a duly-licensed and practicing physician.

The board of education recognizes the possibility of students and staff acquiring and/or transmitting a contagious disease. Children may be excluded from school when the board believes exclusion is necessary to promote the safety and well-being of students and staff. Contagious disease conditions shall be evaluated on an individual basis considering the degree of life threatening condition, degree of communicability, and whether or not the disease has been or should be medically confirmed with laboratory documentation.

Responsibility for evaluating conditions of life threatening contagious diseases shall rest with a designated team of appropriate persons. The counselor shall serve as chairperson for this team.

Responsibility for evaluating the condition of non-life-threatening contagious diseases shall rest with the counselor, doctor, and county health department.

REFERENCE: **Board Minutes dated December 2, 1985**
 Board Minutes dated February 3, 1986

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