
**Kern Community College District
Administrative Procedure
Chapter 5 – Student Services**

AP 5210 Communicable Disease - Students

References:

Education Code Section 76403

Note: This procedure is legally advised

The District shall cooperate with local health officers in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in students.

The District shall comply with any immunization program required by State Department of Health Services regulations.

A student with identified chronic communicable disease or infectious condition may attend college classes, functions and activities through reasonable accommodation whenever the risks associated with the disease or condition are outweighed by the detrimental effects resulting from the student's exclusion from college classes, functions and activities.

Decisions on student participation will be made using the above standard in conjunction with the current, available public health department guidelines concerning the particular disease or condition, the physician's recommendations, the law, and the factual assessment of the following:

- The risks associated with how the disease or condition is transmitted;
- The risks associated with how long the carrier is infectious;
- The risks associated with the disease's or condition's potential harm to others;
- The risks associated with the probability of the disease or condition being transmitted in the college setting; and
- Whether, after taking into account the above, the college can reasonably accommodate the individual who carries the disease or condition without incurring undue financial or administrative burdens.

Individual cases will not be prejudged. Decisions will be based upon the facts of the particular case. The determination of whether a student with a chronic communicable disease or infectious condition may attend college classes, functions and activities shall be made in accordance with established procedures relying primarily upon the physician's recommendation based on public health guidelines.

The District shall respect the right of privacy of any student who has a chronic communicable disease or infectious condition. The student's medical condition shall be disclosed only to the extent necessary to minimize the health risks to others.