

**RULES  
OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0520-01-13  
SCHOOL AND STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

**0520-01-13-.01 SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES.**

- (1) Each local board of education shall develop and adopt standards and policies for school health services. The school health services program shall include, at a minimum, the following:
  - (a) A policy providing for a physical examination of every child entering school for the first time and every student participating in interscholastic athletics, performed by a doctor of medicine, osteopathic physician, physician assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or a properly trained public health nurse.
  - (b) Procedures for verifying proof of immunization for all students, except those who are exempt by statute as provided in T.C.A. § 49-6-5001.
  - (c) A policy for excluding students with communicable diseases and for readmitting them following recovery in accordance with the Department of Health's Communicable and Environmental Diseases Rule 1200-14-01.
  - (d) For the 2021-22 school year, an LEA or public charter school may adopt a policy allowing for students who are temporarily quarantined due to a positive COVID-19 test result or possible exposure to COVID-19 to participate in remote instruction offered by the LEA or Public Charter School on a temporary basis during the period of quarantine only ("COVID-19 Quarantine Period"). Remote instruction means instruction that takes place when a student is not participating in in-person instruction provided by a teacher within the traditional school setting ("Remote Instruction").
    1. Students who participate in Remote Instruction during a temporary COVID-19 Quarantine Period may be counted as present if the LEA or public charter school monitors and reports attendance in accordance with the policy adopted by the LEA or public charter school, provided that such policies must require monitoring and taking daily student attendance which shall include daily periodic visual, verbal, and/or written confirmation of student participation in six and one-half (6 ½) hours of instructional time per day for grades one (1) through twelve (12) and four (4) hours of instructional time per day for Kindergarten, using multiple methods of confirming student attendance. Multiple methods of confirming student attendance two or more of the following:
      - (i) Students participating in a phone call with a teacher, with parent or legal guardian support as appropriate for the age of the student;
      - (ii) Students participating in synchronous virtual instruction;
      - (iii) Students completing work in a learning management system;
      - (iv) Students submitting work via hard-copy or virtual formats; or

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- (v) Other method the LEA or public charter school identifies as appropriate.
  - 2. LEAs and public charter schools shall report student attendance to the Department via the LEA's or public charter school's student information system utilizing the attendance code set by the Department for students participating in Remote Instruction.
  - 3. LEAs and public charter schools shall ensure that Remote Instruction is provided by teachers who are properly endorsed and licensed to teach in Tennessee in compliance with state law, State Board Rules Chapter 0520-02-03, and State Board Policy 5.502. LEAs and public charter schools shall also ensure that Remote Instruction is provided utilizing State Board approved textbooks and instructional materials, unless a waiver has been granted to the LEA or public charter school for the use of unapproved materials pursuant to state laws.
  - 4. LEAs and public charter schools may only permit students to participate in Remote Instruction pursuant to this rule during a temporary COVID-19 Quarantine Period in accordance with State Board Rule 0520-01-03-.05 or in alignment with requirements for temporary Remote Instruction specified in the LEA's or public charter school's policy required by this rule.
  - 5. LEAs or public charter schools may only allow students to participate in Remote Instruction on a permanent basis through the LEA's public virtual school or the LEA's or public charter school's virtual education program pursuant to State Board Rule 0520-01-03-.05.
  - 6. Nothing in this rule prohibits an LEA or public charter school from allowing a student who tests positive for COVID-19 and meets the requirements of state law and State Board Rule 0520-01-02-.10 on homebound instruction to receive such instruction remotely as part of the LEA or public charter school's virtual education program for homebound students as provided in State Board Rule 0520-01-03-.05.
- (e) A Drug Free Schools Policy that addresses drug and alcohol related medical emergencies, guidelines for reporting drug and alcohol related incidents and referral of students.
    - 1. Local boards of education may implement a drug testing program, however before a drug testing program is implemented the local board of education shall establish policies procedures and guidelines on drug testing. Local boards of education may adopt the State Board's Model Drug Testing Policy 4.201.
  - (f) Procedures for reporting suspected cases of child abuse and neglect as required by T.C.A. § 37-1-403.
- (2) Each LEA or consortium of LEAs that receives coordinated school health funding pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-1002 shall adopt a coordinated school health policy in accordance with the State Board's Coordinated School Health Program Policy 4.204.

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