
School Health Policies Permanent Rule 0520-01-13-.01

The Background:

Public Chapter 652 of 2020 authorizes the State Board to Education to promulgate rules to address COVID-19 related disruptions. Furthermore, T.C.A. § 49-1-102 and 49-1-302 provide the State Board authority to promulgate rules governing the operation of public education and courses of study. The School and Student Health Services Rule 0520-01-13 outlines LEA requirements related to school health policies and procedures.

This item presents permanent rule revisions to authorize LEAs and public charter schools to adopt a policy for the 2021-22 school year to allow students who are quarantined due to COVID-19 to participate in remote instruction on a temporary basis. The rule specifies the instructional and attendance requirements for temporarily quarantined students and clarifies that LEAs and public charter schools can only permit students to participate in remote instruction on a temporary basis during the period of quarantine.

The State Board approved these rule revisions on an emergency basis at the July 1, 2021 special called meeting. A rulemaking hearing was held on September 17, 2021. No comments were offered at the hearing or in writing.

Revisions between first and final reading include minor clerical edits. After approval of this rule on final reading at the October 29, 2021 Board meeting, legislation passed during the October 2021 Extraordinary Session of the Tennessee General Assembly. This item was revised in response to special session legislation to include technical edits to ensure alignment with special session legislation. This special called meeting was convened to approve the revised version of the rule on final reading.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends approval of this item on final reading. The Department of Education concurs with this recommendation.