

**Tuberculosis Testing**

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognizes that tuberculosis (TB) poses a public health threat. Treatment of active cases of this disease is the most effective means of controlling its spread.

The County Public Health officer requires tuberculosis testing, and follow-up if appropriate, before students enter school.

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

The County 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.

The following protocol shall be followed for any student who has a positive TB skin test:

1. The parent/guardian must provide the school with the results of a chest x-ray before the student enters class. If no x-ray has been done, the parent/guardian shall be given a TB follow-up form to take to his/her personal physician or to the county public health office. The student must then obtain a chest x-ray and bring proof that the film was taken for school entry.
2. If the TB form is not returned with x-ray results within two weeks, the Superintendent or designee shall contact the student and family for information about the x-ray report.
3. If the student is found to have active infectious tuberculosis on chest x-ray and sputum tests, the student shall not be admitted to school until a physician's note is presented, showing that the student is free of communicable tuberculosis. (Health and Safety Code 121485, 121495)
4. If the x-ray is negative and the student admitted, the Superintendent or designee may contact the student and family again in four to six weeks to determine that they have followed through with a medical appointment for the Isoniazid (INH) preventive medication program, if indicated.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy

49451 Parent's refusal to consent

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

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

120880 Information to employees of school district

120230 Exclusion of persons from school

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

**Policy 5141.26 (Continued)**

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 4119.43 Universal Precautions
- 5112.2 Exclusions from Attendance
- 5141.22 Infectious Diseases
- 5141.3 Health Examinations