

WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HIV INFECTION

ADOPTED: May 23, 2005

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203.1. HIV INFECTION	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board is committed to providing a safe, healthy environment for its students and employees. The purpose of this policy shall be to safeguard the health and well-being of students and employees while protecting the rights of the individual.</p> <p>This policy is based on current evidence that the HIV virus is not normally transmissible by infected individuals within the school setting, except as noted in this policy.</p>
2. Definitions	<p>HIV - refers to the disease caused by the HIV or human immunodeficiency virus.</p> <p>AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.</p> <p>CDC - United States Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control.</p> <p>Infected students - refers to students diagnosed as having the HIV virus, including those who are asymptomatic.</p>
3. Authority	<p>This policy shall apply to all students in all programs conducted by the school district.</p> <p>The Board directs that the established school rules that relate to illnesses and other diseases among students shall also apply to infected students.</p>
Act 148 of 1990	<p>The Board shall not require routine screening tests for HIV infection in the school setting, nor will such tests be a condition for school attendance.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible as the central contact for handling and releasing all information concerning infected students.</p> <p>All district employees shall strive to maintain a respectful school climate and to prohibit physical or verbal harassment of any individual or group, including infected students.</p>

<p>Act 148 of 1990 Title 28 Sec. 27.2</p>	<p>An infected student's placement shall be reassessed if there is a change in the student's condition or the student's need for accommodations.</p> <p><u>Confidentiality</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall determine which school personnel will receive information about an infected student. The number of individuals informed of an infected student's status shall be kept to the minimum required to assure proper care and supervision of the student as well as to protect the school population. In most cases, this "minimum" would include the principal, the classroom teacher (elementary schools only) and the school nurse. Anonymity shall have high priority.</p> <p>All district employees have a duty to preserve the confidentiality of all information concerning an infected student. Serious consequences shall result from a breach of confidentiality by an employee.</p> <p>Information about infected students in the school setting shall not be disclosed to the general public, undesignated school employees, or other groups without a court order or the informed, written, signed and dated consent of the infected student or his/her parent or guardian if a legal minor.</p>
<p>SC 1409 Title 28 Sec. 27.2</p>	<p>All health records, notes and other documents referring to a student's HIV status shall be secured and kept confidential.</p> <p><u>Infection Control</u></p> <p>Universal precautions, as recommended by the CDC, shall be followed for exposure to bodily fluids.</p> <p>Employees shall treat all body fluids as hazardous and follow universal precautions.</p>
<p>OSHA Guidelines</p>	<p>The school district shall maintain and keep reasonably accessible all equipment and supplies necessary for infection control.</p> <p><u>Staff Development</u></p> <p>All district employees shall participate in a planned HIV education program.</p> <p>Designated district employees shall receive additional, specialized training appropriate to their positions and responsibilities.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4 Pol. 105.1, 105.2</p> <p>SC 1302, 1329, 1330, 1409</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.25</p> <p>Title 28 Sec. 27.2</p> <p>Act 148 of 1990</p> <p>OSHA Guidelines</p> <p>Board Policy 105.1, 105.2</p>	<p><u>Prevention Education</u></p> <p>The goals of HIV prevention education shall be to promote healthy living and discourage the behaviors that put people at risk of acquiring HIV.</p> <p>Parents and guardians shall be provided convenient opportunities to preview all HIV prevention curricula and materials.</p>
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