

### HIV/AIDS

The Board of Education will comply with rules of the State Board of Education and the State Department of Health with regard to the admission and employment of persons who may be infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). AIDS or HIV infection shall not be considered a communicable disease for purposes of admission to or attendance in a school or for eligibility for educational transportation.

No person, pupil or employee, will be excluded from school solely because he/she is infected with HIV or lives with or is related to a person infected with HIV. Pupils infected with HIV, including those who may be symptomatic or diagnosed with AIDS, may be excluded from school only as a pupil not infected with HIV or diagnosed with AIDS may be excluded from school. A school employee infected with HIV may be restricted in his/her employment only if the employee has another illness that would affect his/her employment.

Any pupil excluded from the regular school program will be provided with home instruction in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education and Policy 6173.

No pupil, staff member, or visitor may attend or visit school if he/she has an uncoverable and/or uncovered weeping skin lesion, whether or not the person has been screened for HIV.

It is not required that anyone in the school be especially notified that an HIV-infected pupil or employee is present. School employee physicals, student physicals and athletic physicals do not require disclosure of HIV status. Records of health and medical examinations should not include information about an individual's infection with HIV. Therefore, HIV/AIDS status is an exception to records required pursuant to student physical examinations, N.J.A.C. 6:29-2.1, and school employee examinations, N.J.A.C. 6:29-7. In the event that the school nurse or a school official is apprised that a pupil or employee is HIV-infected, the fact of the infection will be held in strict confidence and will not be classified as a communicable disease for admission, local health reporting or educational transportation.

Information regarding a pupil's HIV-infection may be released only on the express written consent of the minor pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and only to those staff members who need to know that status in order to determine the pupil's educational program. The person who receives such information shall not reveal it to any other person without the express written consent of the minor pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or the adult pupil.

HIV/AIDS education is governed by the provisions of Policy 6142.13 HIV Prevention Education.

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