



Section: PUPILS
Title: HIV INFECTION
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	210.1. HIV INFECTION	
1. Purpose	<p>The Joint Operating Committee 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 staff 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, except as noted in this policy.</p>	
2. Definitions	<p>HIV infection – refers to the disease caused by the HIV or human immunodeficiency virus.</p> <p>AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.</p> <p>CDCP – United States Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.</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.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee directs that the established school rules relative to illnesses and other diseases among students shall also apply to infected students.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee shall not require routine screening tests for HIV infection in the school, nor will such tests be a condition for attendance.</p>	<p>SC 1850.1</p> <p>35 P.S. 7601 et seq.</p>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	<p>The Administrative Director or designee shall be responsible for handling and releasing all information concerning infected students.</p> <p>All 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>All employees shall be required to consistently follow infection control/universal precautions in all settings and at all times, including school buses. Employees shall notify the principal and school nurse of all incidents of exposure to bodily fluids and when a student’s health condition or behavior presents a reasonable risk of transmitting an infection.</p>	

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Infection Control

Employees shall treat all bodily fluids as hazardous and shall follow universal precautions for any exposure to bodily fluids.

The school shall maintain reasonably accessible equipment and supplies necessary for infection control.

Staff Development

All employees shall participate in a planned HIV education program.

Designated employees shall receive additional, specialized training appropriate to their positions and responsibilities.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1329, 1330, 1409, 1850.1

State Board of Education Regulations –

22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.25

PA Confidentiality of HIV – Related Information Act –

35 P.S. 7601 et seq.

***Refer to Staff Handbook for
“Procedures for a Student with HIV”***

