



Title: **Students with HIV/AIDS**

Code: JLCCA

Section: Section J: Students

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the subject of particular public concern because AIDS is a life-threatening disease for which there is no known cure and which, under certain circumstances, can be communicated from an infected person to others. HIV is not readily transmissible in the school environment. It is transmitted by introducing blood, semen, or vaginal secretions from an infected person into the bloodstream or across mucous membranes of a noninfected person.

Students covered by this policy include:

1. Those diagnosed medically as having AIDS; and
2. Those diagnosed medically as having an illness due to infection with HIV, but who do not meet the case definition for AIDS; and
3. Those who are asymptomatic, but who have been diagnosed medically as being infected with HIV; and
4. Those reasonably suspected of being infected with HIV.

Information regarding a student's infection, or suspected infection, with HIV is strictly confidential medical information. Only the school nurse, the nurse's supervisor, and the Superintendent will have access to such information. Due to the serious nature of the disease and public misunderstanding about transmission of the disease, AIDS and infection (or suspected infection) with HIV are viewed by some as a stigma. Consequently, the protection of the confidentiality of such individuals is of paramount importance. Rumors regarding any individual's HIV status are potentially very harmful and District employees shall not spread such rumors.

All employees of the District will be trained in universal precautions and learn how to appropriately care for injured or ill students. Employees will also be trained in how to dispose of body fluids.

Standard safety and health practices appropriate for protecting against transmission of diseases shall be applied in circumstances where any student requires first aid, regardless of health status. Handling of body fluids and substances shall be accomplished in accordance with such practices. All body fluids and substances shall be treated as infectious.

Only the Superintendent of Schools will be authorized to speak for the School District on this subject.

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