

SOUTHERN FULTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HIV INFECTION

ADOPTED: February 21, 2013

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| 203.1. HIV INFECTION | |
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| 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 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 setting, 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 district.</p> <p>The Board directs that the established school rules relative to illnesses and other diseases among students shall also apply to infected students.</p> |
| 35 P.S. Sec. 7601 et seq | <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 for handling and releasing all information concerning infected students.</p> |

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| <p>SC 1329, 1330</p> | <p>An infected student may be excused from school attendance if the parent/guardian seeks such excusal based on the advice of medical or psychological experts treating the student.</p> <p>An infected student's placement shall be reassessed if there is a change in the student's need for accommodations or services.</p> |
| <p>35 P.S. Sec. 7607</p> | <p><u>Confidentiality</u></p> <p>District employees who have knowledge of an infected student's condition shall not disclose any information without prior written consent of the student's parent/guardian, consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act.</p> |
| <p>SC 1409</p> | <p>All health records, notes and other documents referring to an infected student's condition shall be secured and kept confidential.</p> |
| <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> | <p><u>Infection Control</u></p> <p>Employees shall treat all bodily fluids as hazardous and shall follow universal precautions for any exposure to bodily fluids.</p> <p>The school district shall maintain reasonably accessible 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><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 infection. Prevention education shall be taught at every level, be appropriate to students' developmental maturity, and include accurate information about reducing the risk of HIV infection.</p> |
| <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29 Pol. 105.1</p> | <p>Prior to HIV/AIDS instruction, the district shall inform parents/guardians that curriculum outlines and materials used in the instruction shall be available for review.</p> |

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| <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29 Pol. 105.2</p> | <p>A student shall be excused from HIV/AIDS education when the instruction conflicts with the religious beliefs or principles of the student or parent/guardian, upon the written request of the parent/guardian.</p> |
| | <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1329, 1330, 1409</p> <p>PA Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 7601 et seq.</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.25</p> <p>Board Policy – 105.1, 105.2</p> |