

HIV REGULATION

- A. Non-discrimination
No student shall be discriminated against solely on the basis of having tested positive for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), or has an HIV-related illness.

- B. Confidentiality and Release of Information
Administration and staff members shall keep HIV-related information confidential. Information shall not be disclosed to any person except as provided by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Public Health.

- C. Penalties
Persons who disclose confidential HIV-related information to unauthorized parties shall be subject to appropriate civil, criminal and District disciplinary action.

- D. Procedures
The procedure set forth here shall be followed in any instance where the School District receives confidential HIV-related information concerning a student from the student or the person in parental relation or through court order.

The Superintendent or designee to whom the information has been given shall request a meeting with the parent or legal guardian or the student for the purpose of discussing the student's condition, concerns and, should the situation arise, educational alternatives. Such alternatives may include homebound instruction during periods of short-term illness as well as provision of educationally related support services. If educational alternatives are exhausted, referral should be made to the Committee on Special Education.

- E. Avoidance of Other Contagious Diseases
The presence of any contagious or communicable disease (such as chickenpox, measles, etc.) in the school population, may constitute a risk to an infected individual. The Superintendent, principal or school nurse shall inform the student, and the student's parents or legal guardian about this risk. If after consultation with the individual's personal physician, parents, and the school physician, the Superintendent determines that it is in the best interest of the student that he be absent from school, home-teaching shall be provided.

Ref: Department of Health Regulations Sections 63.5 and 63.6

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