

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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# SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p><b>Replaces former policy no. 6170 AND 203.1</b></p>	<p>414.1. INFECTIOUS DISEASE</p>
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<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 employees 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>
<p>2. Definitions</p>	<p><b>HIV</b> - refers to the disease caused by the HIV or human immunodeficiency virus.</p> <p><b>AIDS</b> - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.</p> <p><b>CDC</b> - United States Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control.</p> <p>Infected students - refers to students diagnosed as having the HIV virus, including those who are asymptomatic.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p> <p>Act 148 of 1990</p>	<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 that relate to illnesses and other diseases among students shall also apply to infected students.</p> <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>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible as the central contact for handling and releasing all information concerning infected students.</p> <p>All district 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>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>All employees shall be required to consistently follow infection control/universal precautions in all settings and at all times, including playgrounds and school buses. Employees shall notify the Superintendent or designee 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>
<p>SC 1302</p>	<p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Infected students have the same right to attend school and receive services as any other students and shall be subject to the same policies and rules. HIV infection shall not factor into decisions concerning class assignments, privileges or participation in any school-sponsored activity.</p> <p>School authorities shall determine the educational placement of infected students on a case-by-case basis by following established policies and procedures for students with chronic health problems and students with disabilities.</p> <p>A Screening Team comprised of the Superintendent and/or his/her designee, district physician, school nurse, principal, and including the student's parent or guardian and attending physician shall evaluate the educational placement of an infected student. Placement decisions shall be based on the infected student's behavior, neurological development, physical condition, and expected interaction with others in the school setting, and the criteria proposed by the CDC.</p> <p>First consideration must be given to maintaining the infected student in a regular assignment. Any decision for an alternative placement must be supported by specific facts and data.</p>
<p>SC 1310</p>	<p>An infected student who is unable to attend school, as determined by a medical examination, shall be considered for homebound instruction or an alternative placement.</p>
<p>SC 1329, 1330</p>	<p>An infected student may be excused from school attendance if the parent or guardian seeks such excuse 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 condition or the student's need for accommodations.</p>
<p>Act 148 of 1990 Title 28 Sec. 27.2</p>	<p><u>Confidentiality</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall determine which school personnel will receive information about an infected student. The number of individuals informed of an infected student's status shall be kept to the minimum required to assure proper care</p>



Title 22  
Sec. 4.29  
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Title 28  
Sec. 27.2

Act 148 of 1990

Pol. 105.1  
105.2

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