

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HIV INFECTION

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Palmyra Area School District

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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 employees while protecting the rights of the individual.</p> <p>This policy is based on current evidence that the HIV virus is not transmissible by infected individuals within the school setting, except as noted in this policy.</p>
2. Definitions	<p>HIV – refers to the disease caused by the HIV or human immunodeficiency virus.</p> <p>AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.</p> <p>CDC – 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>
3. Authority	<p>This policy shall apply to all students in all programs conducted by the school district.</p> <p>The Board establishes that the established school rules that relate to illnesses and other diseases among students shall also apply to infected students.</p>
Act 148 of 1990	<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 a designee shall serve as the central contact for handling and releasing all information concerning infected students.</p> <p>All employees shall be required to consistently follow infection</p>

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<p>Act 148 of 1990</p> <p>SC 1409</p> <p>OSHA</p>	<p><u>Confidentiality</u></p> <p>The Superintendent or a 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 and supervision of the student as well as to protect the school population. Anonymity shall have high priority.</p> <p>All district employees have a duty to preserve the confidentiality of all information concerning an infected student. <u>Breach of confidentiality by an employee will be documented and will be reflected in an employee's evaluation.</u></p> <p>Information about infected students in the school setting shall not be disclosed to the general public, other school employees or other groups without a court order or the informed, written, signed and dated consent of the infected student or his/her parent or guardian if a legal minor.</p> <p>All health records, notes and other documents referring to a student's HIV status shall be secured and kept confidential.</p> <p><u>Infection Control</u></p> <p>Universal precautions, as recommended by the CDC, shall be followed for exposure to blood, vaginal secretions, semen or any other body fluid contaminated with blood, such as nasal secretions, sputum, vomitus, urine and feces.</p> <p>Employees shall treat all body fluids as hazardous and follow universal precautions.</p> <p>The school district shall maintain and keep reasonably accessible all designated 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 that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conveys factual and current information.2. Provides guidance on infection control procedures.3. Informs about current law and district policies concerning HIV.4. Assists staff to maintain productive parent and community relations.5. Includes annual review sessions. <p>Designated district employees shall receive additional, specialized training</p>
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appropriate to their positions and responsibilities.

Prevention Education

The goals of HIV prevention education shall be to promote healthy living and discourage the behaviors that put people at risk of acquiring HIV. The educational program shall:

1. Be taught at every level, Kindergarten through grade twelve.
2. Use methods demonstrated by sound research to be effective.
3. Be consistent with community standards.
4. Follow content guidelines prepared by the Center for Disease Control.
5. Be appropriate to students' developmental levels, behaviors, and cultural backgrounds.
6. Build knowledge and skills from year to year.
7. Stress the benefits of abstinence from sexual activity, alcohol and other drug use.
8. Include accurate information on reducing risk of HIV infection.
9. Address students' own concerns.
10. Include means for evaluation.
11. Be an integral part of a coordinated school health program.
12. Be taught by well-prepared instructors with adequate support.
13. Involve parents and families as partners in education.

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Parents and guardians shall be provided convenient opportunities to preview all HIV prevention curricula and materials.

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