

Dyer County Board of Education

Descriptor Term:

**Acquired Immune
Deficiency Syndrome**

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LIABILITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

Students infected with HIV shall not be denied enrollment in school or participation in educational programs on the basis of this diagnosis.

Mandatory screening for communicable diseases not spread by casual every day contact, such as HIV Infection, shall not be a condition for school entry or attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

If a student's parents/guardians choose to disclose the child's HIV status, all matters pertaining to that student will be under the direct supervision of the Director of schools.

The Director of schools shall convene an evaluation team composed of the student's parents/guardians, the student's physician if he/she elects to attend, a physician or nurse from the Public Health Department as designated by the regional health officer and a representative of the local education agency as designated by the director of schools. The evaluation team shall evaluate and review the student's health status relative to attending school.

The Director of schools shall be responsible for requesting medical records form the parents/guardians and a statement from the student's physician regarding health status of the student reported to have HIV/AIDS. In addition, the Director of schools will gather information regarding the student's cumulative school record. hese records will be reviewed by the evaluation team.

The evaluation team shall assume responsibility to determine if an/or when a student's medical condition warrants the student's removal from the classroom. For any child determined as warranting removal from the classroom due to medical reasons, the school shall be responsible for determining the appropriate educational program for the child in the least restrictive environment which is medically, legally and educationally sound. The parents/guardians shall be included as part of the local decision making process.

Because HIV/AIDS infection is a progressive disease, semi-annual medical and educational monitoring will be conducted by the evaluation team using the latest public health information.¹

CONFIDENTIALITY

No information concerning an HIV infected student shall be divulged, directly or indirectly, to any other individual or group without the written consent of the parent/guardian. All medical information and written documentation of discussions, telephone conversations, proceedings and meetings shall be kep

1 by the director of schools in a locked file. If the HIV infected student is under the age of eighteen (18),
2 access to this file will be granted only to those who written consent of the infected student's
3 parents/guardians. Individuals will be informed of a student's HIV infection on a "Need To Know"
4 basis, as decided by the evaluation team, with the written consent of parent/guardian.²

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6 **Under no circumstances shall information identifying a student with AIDS be released to the**
7 **public.**³
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9 10 11 **APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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13 If a change in an HIV infected student's educational program becomes necessary (due to a secondary
14 infection that constitutes a medically recognized risk of HIV transmission in the school setting or
15 deteriorating health of the student) the Director of schools, parents/guardians, and the treating physician
16 will develop an appropriate educational program in the least restrictive environment which is legally and
17 educationally sound. If the HIV infected student is receiving special education services, these services
18 will be in agreement with established policies.

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20 Reassessment of education placement will be conducted semi-annually.

21 22 **CURRICULUM**

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24 The Director of schools shall be responsible for developing instructional objectives to address each
25 terminal objective in the state AIDS curriculum framework and provide each teacher responsible for
26 teaching AIDS education with these objectives.⁴ In addition all students will be educated in the use of
27 universal precautions.

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29 The state AIDS curriculum and related instructional objectives will be used in grades K-12.

30 31 **SAFETY**

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33 When a student with AIDS is known to have been exposed to a contagious disease, the parents of the
34 student will be notified immediately by the principal or his/her designee. An employee with Aids who
35 is known to have been exposed to a contagious disease will be notified by the director of schools or
36 his/her designee.

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38 All employees will have surgical gloves made available to them and appropriate training/information in
39 order to safely deal with an accident that might expose themselves or others to infected body fluids.

40 41 **COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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43 Annually, the board shall designate an individual who will be responsible for coordinating educational/
44 training programs for all personnel, parents and Board members. These programs can utilize the
45 educational/training resources of agencies or private institutions with personnel trained in the areas of
46 HIV/AIDS prevention education. This individual will also be responsible for keeping the public
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1 precautions being implemented in the schools. This person will also make civic organizations aware
2 of local persons available to conduct AIDS education meetings.

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4 **Under no circumstances shall information identifying an employee or student with AIDS be**
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Legal References:

1. State Board of Education Plan for Addressing AIDS in Tennessee Public Schools, March 1995.
2. TCA 68-10-113.
3. 20 USC 1232(g); 34 CFR 300.571-2.
4. TRR/MS 0520-1-3.05(1)(c).