



**POLICY NO. 203.1  
HIV INFECTION**

**Section 4**

**Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing and releasing all information concerning HIV infection and infected students.

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.

Building principals shall notify students, parents/guardians and employees about current Board policies concerning HIV infection and shall provide reasonable opportunities to discuss the policy and related concerns.

**Section 5**

**Guidelines**

**Attendance**

Infected students have the same right to attend school and receive services as 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.

School authorities shall determine the educational placement of infected students on a case-by-case basis by following policies and procedures established for students with chronic health problems and students with disabilities.

When an infected student's parents/guardians voluntarily disclose information regarding the student's condition, the district employee who receives the information shall obtain the written consent of the parents/guardians to disclose the information to members of the Screening Team.

A Screening Team comprised of the Superintendent or designee, building principal, school nurse, student's parents/guardians, and attending physician shall evaluate the infected student's educational placement. Placement decisions shall be based on the student's need for accommodations or services.

SC 1327  
Pol. 103

35 P.S. Sec. 7607

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLICY NO. 203.1 HIV INFECTION</b></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>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>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><b><u>Confidentiality</u></b></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 parents/guardians, consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act.</p> <p>All health records, notes and other documents referring to an infected student’s condition shall be secured and kept confidential.</p> <p><b><u>Infection Control</u></b></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>The school district shall maintain reasonably accessible equipment and supplies necessary for infection control.</p>	<p>SC 1329 Title 22 Sec. 11.25 Pol. 117</p> <p>SC 1329, 1330 Pol. 204</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 7607</p> <p>SC 1409 35 P.S. Sec. 7607</p>
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**Staff Development**

Designated district employees may receive additional, specialized training appropriate to their positions and responsibilities.

**Prevention Education**

Instruction regarding prevention of HIV infection, AIDS, and other life-threatening and communicable diseases shall be provided for all students.

Title 22 Sec. 4.29

Prior to HIV infection instruction in the schools, the District shall inform parents/guardians that curriculum outlines and materials used in the instruction shall be available for review.

Title 22 Sec. 4.4,  
4.29

Instructional materials and content shall comply with state laws and regulations.

A student shall be excused from HIV infection education when the instruction conflicts with the religious beliefs or principles of the student or parents/guardians, upon the written request of the parents/guardians.

Title 22 Sec. 4.4,  
4.29

**References:**

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1327, 1329, 1330, 1409

PA Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 7601 et seq.

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.25

Board Policy – 103, 117, 203, 204