

# Policy Guide



Policy No. 857.1

Section OPERATIONS

Title HIV INFECTION

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLICY NO. 857.1 HIV INFECTION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THIS POLICY SHALL SUPERSEDE POLICIES 314.1, 414.1 AND 514.1.</b></p> <p><b>Section 1</b>     <u><b>Purpose</b></u></p> <p>The Board is committed to providing a safe, healthy environment for its students and employees and adopts this policy to safeguard the health and well-being of students and employees while protecting the rights of the individual. This policy shall apply to all administrative, professional and support staff employed by the District.</p> <p><b>Section 2</b>     <u><b>Authority</b></u></p> <p><b>AIDS</b> – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.</p> <p><b>HIV Infection</b> – refers to the disease caused by the HIV or human immunodeficiency virus.</p> <p><b>Infected employee</b> – refers to district employees diagnosed as having the HIV virus, including those who are asymptomatic.</p> <p><b>Section 3</b>     <u><b>Authority</b></u></p> <p>The Board directs that the established Board policies and procedures and administrative regulations relative to illnesses among district employees shall also apply to infected employees.</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 employment.</p>	<p>35 P.S. 7603</p> <p>SC 510 Pol. 104, 834, 835, 839</p>
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<b>Section 4</b>	<p><b><u>Delegation of Responsibility</u></b></p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing and releasing information concerning infected employees.</p> <p>All district employees shall maintain a respectful working climate and shall not participate in physical or verbal harassment of any individual or group, including infected employees.</p> <p>Building principals shall notify district employees, students and persons in parental relation about current Board policies concerning HIV Infection and shall provide reasonable opportunities to discuss the policy and related concerns.</p> <p>Infected employees whose employment is interrupted or terminated shall be entitled to available medical leave and medical disability benefits. Such employees shall be informed by the appropriate administrator of benefits, leave, and alternatives available to them through state and federal laws, Board policies, collective bargaining agreements, individual contracts and the retirement system.</p>	<p>Pol. 104</p> <p>Pol. 104, 834, 835, 839</p>
<b>Section 5</b>	<p><b><u>Guidelines</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Confidentiality</u></b></p> <p>District employees with knowledge of an infected employee's condition shall not disclose that information without prior written consent of the employee, consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act.</p> <p><b><u>Infection Control</u></b></p> <p>Universal precautions shall be followed for exposure to bodily fluids. Employees shall treat all body fluids as hazardous and follow universal precautions.</p> <p>The District shall maintain reasonably accessible equipment and supplies necessary for infection control.</p>	<p>35 P.S. 7607</p>

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Employees shall notify the building principal and the school nurse of all incidents of exposure to bodily fluids.

Staff Development

The District will educate employees on universal precautions related to infectious disease exposure.

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

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510

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

Board Policy – 104, 834, 835, 839