

HIV-INFECTED PERSONS

POLICY

STUDENTS WITH HIV-RELATED ILLNESS

The Board of Education of Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four ("the Board") recognizes the public concern over the health issues surrounding Acquired immune deficiency syndrome ("AIDS") and human immunodeficiency virus ("HIV") infection. The Board recognizes, based upon the current state of medical knowledge, that HIV is not easily transmitted and there is no evidence that HIV or AIDS can be transmitted by casual social contact in the school setting.

The Board recognizes the privacy rights of students diagnosed as having HIV infection or AIDS and their right to a free and appropriate public education, the interests of all students and employees of the School District to learn and work without being subjected to significant risks to their health, and the rights of all students to instruction regarding the nature, transmission, prevention and treatment of HIV infection.

Accordingly, it is the policy of the Board that no student will be prevented from continuing his or her education solely on the basis of the student's HIV status. All students who are diagnosed as having HIV infection or AIDS are entitled to all rights, privileges, and services accorded to other students.

Decisions about any changes in the education program of a student who is infected with HIV shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee relying on appropriate educational and medical needs. If a student is receiving special education, adjustments will be made, as necessary, to the student's Individual Education Plan.

In accordance with current law and regulations, it is also the policy of the Board to prevent any student from being subjected to adverse or discriminatory treatment solely because he or she has been diagnosed as being HIV-infected or having AIDS.

The Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to develop administrative regulations in regard to avoiding discrimination against students diagnosed as being HIV-infected or having AIDS.

Students in the District shall be instructed with regard to the nature, transmission, prevention and treatment of HIV infections beginning in Kindergarten through high school, in an age appropriate manner.

The Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to administer a program of on-going education about HIV for students, their families and all school employees, and this will include:

- A. Development of an appropriate HIV curriculum and HIV-related resource materials.
- B. Provision of mandatory in-service training to all District personnel regarding school district policies and procedures related to students with HIV infection.

- C. Provision of mandatory in-service for all school personnel concerning HIV and measures to prevent and manage exposures in the workplace.
- D. Provision of mandatory in-service training to all District personnel who will be providing HIV education.
- E. Implementation of routine sanitary hygiene procedures which may involve handling of blood and blood spills in or on school premises or grounds.
- F. Designation of one spokesperson to represent the District in questions regarding policy, in-service training, and HIV education.
- G. Provision of a policy review procedure to ensure future agreement with medical knowledge, clinical procedures or changes in legislation.

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