

Kingsport City Schools

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1 **LIABILITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION**

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3 Students infected with HIV shall not be denied enrollment in school. The Board shall not prevent an
4 HIV infected student from participating in the continuation of his/her education on the basis of HIV
5 infection. Further, the student shall be subject to the same rules for class assignment, privileges and
6 participation in any school-sponsored activities as all other students. The Board shall strive to maintain
7 a respectful school climate for HIV infected students.

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9 Mandatory screening for communicable diseases not spread by casual everyday contact, such as HIV
10 infection, shall not be a condition for school entry or attendance.

11 **ATHLETICS**

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13 A student who is HIV positive may not be denied the opportunity to participate in school athletic
14 programs based solely on his/her HIV status. All reasonable accommodations shall be made to allow
15 students with HIV to participate in school-sponsored physical activities.

16 **ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

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18 If a student's parents/guardians choose to disclose the child's HIV status, all matters pertaining to that
19 student will be directed by procedures initiated by the Superintendent of Schools.

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21 The Superintendent of Schools and/or the Director of Nursing shall be responsible for requesting
22 additional medical information from the student's physician.

23 **CONFIDENTIALITY**

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25 No information concerning an HIV infected student shall be divulged, directly or indirectly, to any other
26 individual or group without the written consent of the parent/guardian. All medical information and
27 written documentation of discussions, telephone conversations, proceedings and meetings shall be kept
28 by the Superintendent of Schools/Director of Nursing in a locked file. If the HIV infected student is
29 under the age of eighteen (18), access to this file will be granted only to those persons who have the
30 written consent of the infected student's parent's/guardians.

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32 **Under no circumstances shall information identifying a student with AIDS be released to the**
33 **public.**

APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In determining the educational placement of a student known to be infected with HIV, school authorities shall follow established policies and procedures for students with disabilities. School authorities shall reassess placement if there is a change in the student's need for accommodations or services.

HIV PREVENTION EDUCATION/CURRICULUM

The superintendent of schools shall be responsible for developing instructional objectives to address each terminal objective in the state AIDS curriculum framework and provide each teacher responsible for teaching AIDS education with these objectives. Students shall further be taught universal precautions through the K-8 Healthful Living and Lifetime Wellness curricula and through the Board's HIV prevention education program.

The state AIDS curriculum and related instructional objectives will be used in grades K-12. Parents and guardians shall have convenient opportunities to preview all HIV prevention curricula and materials in accordance with the provisions of the Family Education Law of 1989.

Students shall have access to voluntary and confidential counseling about matters related to HIV. Administrators shall make appropriate referrals for counseling and/or testing.

INFECTION CONTROL

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-based infection control plan in which each school will provide for: 1) well-maintained and easily accessible materials necessary to follow universal precautions, and 2) designate personnel responsible for implementing infection control guidelines, including investigating, correcting, and reporting on instances of exposure. All schools shall further follow the most current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Universal Precautions for Prevention of Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Hepatitis B Virus, and Other Blood borne Pathogens in Health Care Settings and the OSHA blood borne pathogens standard.

Legal Reference:
TRR/MS 0502-1-3-.08(2)(g)
TCA 68-10-113
20 USC 1232(g)
34 CFR § 300.571-2
TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.05(1)(c)

Cross Reference:
Student Health Services 6.401
Student Records 6.600