

STUDENT SERVICES

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BLOOD BORNE CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The attendance at school of students who suffer from blood borne diseases which are infectious or contagious such as AIDS and Hepatitis B, and which may be transmitted by the exchange of body secretions, shall be determined by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent shall obtain the advice of the local department of health to assist him/her in making his/her determination. The student may be excluded from school and school-related functions pending the Superintendent's decision. The Superintendent shall issue regulations setting forth the procedures to be followed to effectuate this policy.

The identity of a student who has tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus shall be confidential in accordance with state law.

An alternative educational program should be made available to any student whose removal pursuant to this policy is expected to result in a prolonged absence from school or where otherwise required by law.

Training in the use of universal precautions for handling blood will be conducted periodically in accordance with state and federal law. Universal precautions for handling blood will be implemented within the school setting and on buses in accordance with state and federal law and guidelines.

The School Board shall adopt guidelines for school attendance for children with human immunodeficiency virus. Such guidelines shall be consistent with the model guidelines for such school attendance and developed in consultation with the local department of health.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-271.3, 32.1-36.1, 32.1-45.2
Model Guidelines for School Attendance for Children with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Attachment to Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo #32 (Feb. 13, 2004).

Cross References: EBAB Possible Exposure to Viral Infections
EBBB Personnel Training—Viral Infections
IGBG Homebound, Correspondence, and Alternative Means of Instruction
JHCCA-E Guidelines for School Attendance for Students with Human Immunodeficiency Virus

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