

## Students with HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis B

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### I. General Policy Statement

The Board of Education desires to provide a quality education for all eligible school-age children while taking reasonable steps to control the spread of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV). Student placement shall be based solely on scientific, legal and medical evidence and professional judgement and not unfounded fears or public pressure.

### II. Regulations

- A. Upon notification that a current or enrolling student has an HIV or HBV infection the superintendent shall consult the local health director.
- B. The local health director (or his or her physician designee) has the responsibility of consulting with the student's attending physician, investigating the circumstances and making determinations of transmission risks as required by North Carolina Administrative Code T15A: 19A .0202(3) 03/30/92.
- C. Within three days of notification, the superintendent shall establish an interdisciplinary committee. The committee shall include the principal, the student's primary teacher/s, the student's parent or guardian and the student's attending physician or the local health director (or medical provider designated by the local health director). Other individuals may be included on the committee if their inclusion is deemed appropriate by the superintendent or the local health director. The local health director has the authority to consult with committee members as needed to obtain information regarding a case.
- D. The local health director (or medical provider designated by the local health director) shall consult with the committee and determine if a risk of transmission exists due to open, oozing wounds or behavioral abnormalities. If the local health director (or medical provider designated by the local health director) determines that there is a risk of transmission, the local health director shall:
  - 1. Notify the committee.
  - 2. Assist the committee in determining if the risks can be eliminated.
  - 3. Determine if an alternative educational setting is necessary.

4. Instruct the superintendent concerning appropriate protective measures to be implemented in the alternative educational setting developed by appropriate school personnel.
  5. Consult with the superintendent concerning confidentiality and determine which, if any, school personnel must be notified regarding the infection.
  6. The superintendent shall make the final decision regarding placement.
- E. The superintendent (or his or her designee) shall request that the local health director make his or her recommendations in writing.
  - F. If the superintendent has not received the recommendations of the local health director within ten days of the formation of the interdisciplinary committee, he or she may make a temporary placement.
  - G. A reevaluation may be called by the superintendent, local health director, or any interdisciplinary committee member. Grounds for reevaluation must be based upon health or behavioral factors.
  - H. Confidentiality shall be strictly maintained for all students with HIV or HBV.

Ref.: N.C. Administrative Code T15A: 19A .0202(3)