

No student shall be denied access to, nor shall an otherwise qualified individual be denied the educational programs of the Board of Education solely because he or she is infected with an infectious disease. A student who is infected with an infectious disease will remain in his or her educational setting unless he or she presents a significant risk of contagion as determined by the Board of Education after consultation with the student's physician, public health official knowledgeable about the disease and/or the Board of Education's physician if in the judgment of the superintendent it is necessary to consult a private physician.

The Board of Education provides educational opportunities for its student's to become informed concerning transmission of HIV infection and procedures to reduce the risk of transmitting HIV infection as well as other infectious diseases, including precautions to be taken in handling bodily fluids and blood whenever necessary **through the Health curriculum or when requested.**

Whether or not an infected individual presents a significant risk of contagion shall be determined based upon reasonable medical judgment given the state of medical knowledge about:

1. The nature of the risk, i.e. how the disease is transmitted;
2. The duration of the risk, i.e. how long the carrier is infectious;
3. The severity of the risk, i.e. the degree of potential harm to third parties; and
4. The probability that the disease will be transmitted and will cause varying degrees of harm.

Once the student's medical condition has been determined, the superintendent shall consult with the student's physician, a public health official knowledgeable about the disease and/or a physician employed by the Board of Education at the option of the board in order to determine whether reasonable accommodations will allow the student to perform in the classroom or other educational setting. If an accommodation that does not impose undue financial hardship or administrative burdens can be made, then the student shall not be denied the right to participate in Board of Education programs.

In order that the Board of Education may have time to obtain a reasonable medical judgment concerning the student who is infected by an infectious disease, the superintendent is authorized to remove the infected student from Board of Education programs for a period not to exceed ten days during which time the Board of Education shall make a decision as to whether the student can be accommodated and does not pose a significant risk to others. The student shall be excluded only if the board determines after consultation as provided above that the infectious disease is of such nature or at a stage that the individual should not be in an educational setting.

Neither the Board of Education nor its employees shall disclose medical information about a student with HIV infection or other infectious disease without the consent of the student or his or her parent or guardian, whichever is applicable, or only as required by law or court order.

Definitions:

- a. **Infectious Disease**-an illness due to an infectious agent, or its toxic products, which is transmitted directly or indirectly to a person from an infected person or animal.
- b. **HIV infection**-an infection in which the human immuno-deficiency virus is present.

Handling blood and body fluids shall be in a manner consistent with the Center for Disease Control's Universal Precautions for Handling Blood and Body Fluids. Reference JGCC-R-GANA-R.

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