

BLOOD BORNE, CONTAGIOUS, OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The attendance at school of students who suffer from blood-borne diseases that are infectious or contagious, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and Hepatitis B, and that 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 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 HIV shall be confidential in accordance with state law. All medical information regarding such students, including information transmitted in proceedings, discussions, and documents, will be treated as confidential. School system staff will be provided information about the student's condition on a need-to-know basis with the written consent of the parent or guardian or adult student.

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

The School Board has adopted guidelines for school attendance for children with HIV. Such guidelines are consistent with the model guidelines for such school attendance and were developed in consultation with the Alexandria City department of health.

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Legal Refs.: 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 Refs: 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