

A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: HIV INFECTION
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203.1. HIV INFECTION	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) is committed to providing a safe, healthy environment for its students and employees. The purpose of this policy shall be to safeguard the health and well-being of students and staff while protecting the rights of the individual.</p> <p>This policy is based on current evidence that HIV Infection is not normally transmissible by infected individuals within the school setting, except as noted in this policy.</p>
<p>2. Definitions 35 P.S. Sec. 7603</p>	<p>AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.</p> <p>HIV Infection - refers to the disease caused by the HIV or human immunodeficiency virus.</p> <p>Infected Students - refers to students diagnosed as having HIV Infection, including those who are asymptomatic.</p>
<p>3. Authority Pol. 203, 204</p>	<p>This policy shall apply to all students in all programs conducted by the A. W. Beattie Career Center.</p> <p>The JOC directs that the established school rules relative to illnesses and other diseases among students shall also apply to infected students.</p> <p>The JOC shall not require routine screening tests for HIV Infection in the school setting, nor will such tests be a condition for school attendance.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 248</p>	<p>The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible for developing and releasing all information concerning HIV Infection and infected students.</p> <p>All Career Center employees shall strive to maintain a respectful school climate and to prohibit physical or verbal harassment of any individual or group, including infected students.</p>

<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1327</p> <p>35 P.S. Sec. 7607</p> <p>SC 1329 Title 22 Sec. 11.25 Pol. 117</p> <p>SC 1329, 1330 Pol. 204</p>	<p><u>Infection Control</u></p> <p>All employees shall be required to consistently follow infection control/universal precautions in all settings and at all times, including school buses. Employees shall notify the principal of all incidents of exposure to bodily fluids and when a student's health condition or behavior presents a reasonable risk of transmitting an infection. The Career Center shall maintain reasonably accessible equipment and supplies necessary for infection control.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Infected students have the same right to attend school and receive services as other students and shall be subject to the same policies and rules. HIV Infection shall not factor into decisions concerning class assignments, privileges or participation in any school-sponsored activity.</p> <p>School authorities shall determine the educational placement of infected students on a case-by-case basis by following policies and procedures established for students with chronic health problems and students with disabilities.</p> <p>When an infected student's parents/guardians voluntarily disclose information regarding the student's condition, the Career Center's employee who receives the information shall obtain the written consent of the parents/guardians to disclose the information to member of the Screening Team.</p> <p>A Screening Team comprised of the Executive Director or designee, building principal, student's parents/guardians, and attending physician shall evaluate the infected student's educational placement. Placement decisions shall be based on the student's need for accommodations or services.</p> <p>First consideration must be given to maintaining the infected student in a regular assignment. Any decision for an alternative placement must be supported by specific facts and data.</p> <p>An infected student who is unable to attend school, as determined by a medical examination, shall be considered for homebound instruction or an alternative placement under the policy of the enrolling LEA.</p> <p>An infected student may be excused from school attendance if the parent/guardian seeks such excusal based on the advise of medical or psychological experts treating the student.</p> <p>An infected student's placement shall be reassessed if there is a change in the student's need for accommodations or services.</p>
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<p>35 P.S. Sec. 7607</p> <p>SC 1409 35 P.S. Sec. 7607</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.29</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4, 4.29</p>	<p><u>Confidentiality</u></p> <p>Career Center employees who have knowledge of an infected student's condition shall not disclose any information without prior written consent of the student's parent/guardians, consistent the requirements of the Pennsylvania Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act.</p> <p>All health records, notes and other documents referring to an infected student's condition shall be secured and kept confidential.</p> <p><u>Staff Development</u></p> <p>Designated Career Center employees may receive additional, specialized training appropriate to their positions and responsibilities.</p> <p><u>Prevention Education</u></p> <p>Instruction regarding prevention of HIV infections, AIDS, and other life-threatening and communicable diseases shall be provided for all students.</p> <p>Prior to HIV infection instruction in the Career Center, the Career Center shall inform parents/guardians that curriculum outlines and materials used in the instruction shall be available for review.</p> <p>Instructional materials and content shall comply with state laws and regulations.</p> <p>A student shall be excused from HIV Infection education when the instruction conflicts with the religious beliefs or principles of the student or parents/guardians, upon the written request of the parents/guardians.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1327, 1329, 1330, 1409</p> <p>PA Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act - 35 P.S. Sec. 7601 et seq.</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.25</p> <p>Board Policy -103, 103.1, 117, 203, 204, 248</p>
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