

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: EMPLOYEES

TITLE: HIV INFECTION

ADOPTED: January 11, 2012

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314.1. HIV INFECTION	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board is committed to providing a safe, healthy environment for its students and employees and adopts this policy to safeguard the health and well-being of students and employees while protecting the rights of the individual. This policy shall apply to all administrative, professional and support staff employed by the district.</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 employee - refers to district employees diagnosed as having the HIV virus, including those who are asymptomatic.</p>
<p>3. Authority SC 510 Pol. 334, 335, 339</p>	<p>The Board directs that the established Board policies and procedures and administrative regulations relative to illnesses among district employees shall also apply to infected employees.</p> <p>The Board shall not require routine screening tests for HIV Infection in the school setting, nor will such tests be a condition for employment.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 348</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing and releasing information concerning infected employees.</p> <p>All district employees shall maintain a respectful working climate and shall not participate in physical or verbal harassment of any individual or group, including infected employees.</p>

	<p>Building principals shall notify district employees, students and parents/guardians about current Board policies concerning HIV Infection and shall provide reasonable opportunities to discuss the policy and related concerns.</p>
<p>Pol. 104, 334, 335, 339</p>	<p>Infected employees whose employment is interrupted or terminated shall be entitled to available medical leave and medical disability benefits. Such employees shall be informed by the appropriate administrator of benefits, leave, and alternatives available to them through state and federal laws, Board policies, collective bargaining agreements, individual contracts and the retirement system.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>Confidentiality</u></p>
<p>35 P.S. Sec. 7607</p>	<p>District employees with knowledge of an infected employee's condition shall not disclose that information without prior written consent of the employee, consistent with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act.</p>
<p>Pol. 314</p>	<p>All health records, notes, and other documents referring to an infected employee's condition shall be secured and kept confidential.</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 playgrounds and school buses. Employees shall notify the school nurse of all incidents of exposure to bodily fluids and when an employee's health condition or behavior presents a reasonable risk of transmitting an infection.</p> <p>The school district shall maintain reasonably accessible personal protective equipment and supplies necessary for infection control.</p> <p>Employees shall notify the building principal or school nurse of all incidents of exposure to bodily fluids.</p> <p><u>Staff Development</u></p> <p>The district shall provide opportunities for employees to participate in yearly educational training on Universal Precautions and HIV Infection.</p> <p>Designated district employees may receive additional, specialized training appropriate to their positions and responsibilities.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510

PA Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act – 35 P.S. Sec. 7601 et seq.

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