

**ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME
(REGULATION)**

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, this regulation shall govern the placement of students infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which can result in Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and its related illnesses.

The knowledge that a student of this school district is infected with HIV may arise from different sources. If a student or the student's parents or guardian advises a member of the staff that the student is infected with HIV or is suspected of being infected, the staff member will report that information immediately to the superintendent.

If the student or any person other than a student's parents or guardian reports that a student is infected with HIV or has AIDS, the superintendent will meet with the student's parents or guardian as soon as possible. The superintendent will determine if the parents/guardian have knowledge of the student's infection and, if not, whether further medical examination is desired. If the superintendent confirms that the student is infected with HIV or that the student has AIDS, the superintendent will report the student's illness to the Oklahoma Department of Public Health.

The State Department of Health may convene a confidential meeting of a multidisciplinary team for recommendation on school placement of an HIV -infected student. The multidisciplinary team shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. the parent, parents, legal representative, or legal guardian of the student;
- B. the physician of the student;
- c. a representative from the superintendent's office of the affected school district;
- D. a representative from the State Department of Education; and
- E. a representative from the State Department of Health.

When a student is confirmed as being infected with HI V, the superintendent will discuss the educational options of the student with the multidisciplinary team convened by the State Department of Health. If the State Department of Health does not convene a Review Committee composed of the parents, the student's physician, public health personnel, and school personnel. School personnel may include the superintendent or the superintendent's designee, the counselor, and for elementary students, the home room or grade teacher. The Health Review Committee shall make recommendations for educational placement "after weighing the risks and benefits to both the infected child and to others in the educational setting. If the Health Review Committee determines that the condition of the student warrants the child being classified as a "handicapped child" in need of special education and related services under P.L. 94-142, then the district shall convene a Special Education Placement Team to consider whether the child qualifies for an Individual Educational Placement.

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The Health Review Committee will determine if the student's health poses an immediate and present danger to the student, the school staff, or other students if the infected student is placed in a regular classroom environment. If the Health Review Committee determines that such a danger is present, the superintendent will offer home bound instruction program. A student with AIDS may be temporarily removed from the classroom by the school superintendent if and when communicable diseases are occurring in the school population in order to protect the infected student from extraordinary risk.

If the Health Review Committee determines that the student's health does not pose an immediate danger to the student, school staff, or other students, the Health Review Committee will be requested to conduct a monthly evaluation of the infected student's progress or a more frequent evaluation as circumstances warrant.