

LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HIV INFECTION

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203.1. HIV INFECTION	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The Board 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 Intermediate Unit 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 students in programs conducted by the Intermediate Unit that are located in a facility not governed by a school district policy. All other students shall be governed by the policy of the school district in which their class is located.</p> <p>The Board directs that the established Intermediate Unit rules relative to illnesses and other diseases among students shall also apply to infected students.</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 attendance in an Intermediate Unit program.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible for developing and releasing all information concerning HIV Infection and infected students.</p>

<p>Pol. 248</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1327 Pol. 103, 103.1</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>All employees shall strive to maintain a respectful classroom climate and to prohibit physical or verbal harassment of any individual or group, including infected students.</p> <p>Intermediate Unit administrators shall notify students, parents/guardians and employees about current Intermediate Unit policies concerning HIV Infection and shall provide reasonable opportunities to discuss the policy and related concerns.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>Infected students have the same right to attend Intermediate Unit programs and receive services as other students and shall be subject to the same policies and rules. HIV Infection shall not factor into decisions concerning assignments, privileges or participation in any school-sponsored activity.</p> <p>Intermediate Unit 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 employee who receives the information shall obtain the written consent of the parents/guardians to disclose the information to members of the Screening Team.</p> <p>A Screening Team may be comprised of the Executive Director or designee, Superintendent of the member district, program supervisor, building administrator, school nurse, student's parent/guardian, and attending physician. The Screening Team 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 Intermediate Unit programs, as determined by a medical examination, shall be considered for homebound instruction or an alternative placement.</p> <p>An infected student may be excused from school attendance if the parent/guardian seeks such excusal based on the advice of medical or psychological experts treating the student.</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 Pol. 105.1</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> <p><u>Confidentiality</u></p> <p>Employees who have knowledge of an infected student's condition shall not disclose any information without prior written consent of the student's parents/guardians, consistent with 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>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 program supervisor and/or building administrator 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.</p> <p>The Intermediate Unit shall maintain reasonably accessible equipment and supplies necessary for infection control.</p> <p><u>Staff Development</u></p> <p>The Intermediate Unit shall provide opportunities for employees to participate in inservice education on HIV Infection.</p> <p>Designated employees may receive additional, specialized training appropriate to their positions and responsibilities.</p> <p><u>Prevention Education</u></p> <p>The goals of HIV Infection prevention education shall be to promote healthy living and discourage the behaviors that put people at risk of acquiring HIV Infection. Prevention education shall be taught at every level, be appropriate to students' developmental maturity, and include accurate information about reducing the risk of HIV Infection.</p> <p>Prior to HIV Infection instruction, the Intermediate Unit shall inform parents/guardians that curriculum outlines and materials used in the instruction shall be available for review.</p>
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Title 22
Sec. 4.4, 4.29
Pol. 105.2

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 written request of the parents/guardians.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1327, 1329, 1330, 1409

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4, 4.29, 11.25

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

Board Policy – 103, 103.1, **105.1, 105.2**, 117, 203, 204, 248

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