

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

In accordance with the policy of the Alva 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 the Alva School District is afflicted with AIDS may arise from difference sources. If a student or the student's parents or guardian advises a member of the staff that the student has AIDS or is suspected of having AIDS, 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 has or is suspected of having 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 AIDS, the superintendent will report the student's illness to the Oklahoma Department of Public Health.

When a student is confirmed as being infected with AIDS, the superintendent will discuss the educational options of the student with a Health 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 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 devise an Individual Educational Placement for the child.

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 homebound instruction to the student under the school's homebound 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.

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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.

Confidentiality

Information relating to students with communicable diseases will be confidential. The number of personnel needing to be aware of the child's condition must be kept to a minimum.

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District #001, Woods County, Oklahoma

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