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Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Infection With Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

The Falls Church City Public School Division will work cooperatively with the Fairfax County Health Department to ensure compliance with Virginia Code 22.1-271.3 for school attendance of children infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

- A. Students are expected to be in compliance with an immunization schedule (Article 2, Code of Virginia Section 22.1-271.1) however, some required immunizations may be harmful to the health of the student who is infected with HIV or has AIDS. the requirements, as outlined in Section 22.1-271-2C in the Code of Virginia. School personnel will cooperate with public health personnel in completing and forms.
- B. Screening of children for HIV shall not be required for school admission. The parent(s) or guardian(s) of any student diagnosed as being infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or having AIDS are strongly encouraged to report this diagnosis to the Superintendent, so that the school system may cooperate fully in protecting the health of the student. Upon learning that a student is HIV infected, or has AIDS, the Superintendent will consult with the individual's family and physician or a health official from the Fairfax/Falls Church Health Department to determine whether the student is well enough to stay in school.
- C. Since epidemiological studies show that HIV is not transmitted through casual contact, such as the normal day-to-day interaction between a student and other students or between a student and teacher or other school employees, any student who is HIV infected will continue education in a regular classroom assignment unless the student's health status interferes significantly with his/her performance.
- D. If a change in the student's program is necessary, the Superintendent or designee(s), parent(s) or guardian(s), and physician or designated official from the Fairfax/Falls Church Health Department will develop an individual educational plan which is medically, legally, and educationally sound. If the HIV infected

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student is receiving special education services, the services will be delivered in agreement with established policies.

- E. Parents/guardians may appeal decisions for restriction on or exclusion of the student, as determined by the school division's established procedures.
- F. The form "Release of Information for Medical Conditions" is to be initiated by the first Falls Church City Public Schools staff member informed by a parent, guardian or adult student of a student's HIV condition (see attachment) and should be updated annually. The staff member shall secure written consent to share knowledge of the student's diagnosed HIV condition for himself or herself and/or for the Director of Student Services and Special Education, the principal of the student's school, the health liaison official with the office of Student Services and Special Education, the school public health nurse, the clinic room aide, the guidance director, the student's teacher(s) and other staff members that the parent, guardian or adult student deem appropriate. No information may be shared with other individuals or staff members unless authorized in writing.
- G. Only those persons authorized by the written consent form as needing to know of the student's condition shall be informed. All persons privileged with any medical information about HIV infected students, shall be required to treat all proceedings, discussions, and documents as confidential information. Any inquiries about the incidence of HIV infection in the school population shall be directed to the Superintendent.
- H. All schools shall adopt universal procedures for handling bodily fluids, both within the school setting and on buses. These procedures shall follow the guidelines issued by the Virginia Department of Health. All school personnel shall receive in-service training regarding school system policies related to HIV infection; etiology, transmission, prevention, and risk reduction of HIV infection; standard operating procedures for handling blood and body fluids; and community resources available for information and referral. This training will be updated annually through in-service or memoranda.

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- I. Falls Church City Public Schools will offer comprehensive and age-appropriate instruction on the principal modes by which HIV is spread and the best methods for the reduction and prevention of AIDS to encourage the support and protection of the HIV infected student. To enhance school attendance, the school system will collaborate with public and private organizations in the provision of support services to HIV infected students.
- J. For non-English speaking families, this information shall be provided in their primary language.
- K. The School Board shall review this policy regularly to ensure that it accurately reflects the most current medical evidence about the transmission of HIV and its implications for school attendance.

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DISCLOSURE AND PERMISSION

Date

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN: PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS SECTION

1. I hereby acknowledge that this medical information will be shared only with appropriate school staff members.
2. I hereby request that identified members of the school staff of _____ school be caretakers of medication, supplies, and equipment and administrators of specific procedure(s) for the student named above, as ordered by our physician.
3. I hereby authorize Falls Church City Public Schools (FCCPS) and Fairfax County Health department (FCHD) personnel to facilitate the procedure or medication directed by this authorization. I agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless FCCPS and FCHD and any of their officers, staff members, or agents from lawsuit, claim, expense, demand, or action, etc., against them for assisting this student with the use of medication or procedure, provided FCCPS and FCHD staff members comply with the physician or parent or guardian orders set forth in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9.60.2. No school Board employee, school nurse, or clinic room aide shall facilitate the use of medication or procedure as an exception under School Board policy, unless all the required clearances have been personally reviewed by the principal or his or her designee.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Daytime Phone

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