

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Overview

The Board of School Directors are committed to operating all programs in conformity with the highest standards of health, safety, and security. In fulfillment of that commitment, the board has established these guidelines to respond to the health and education concerns relating to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

Definition

AIDS is an acronym for acquired immune deficiency syndrome. As used in this policy AIDS includes all infections caused by the human T-lymph trophic virus. Type III (HTLV-III), also called lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV) and include acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and asymptomatic infections of these viruses.

Guidelines

The following guidelines should be followed when a student within the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District is identified as a carrier of AIDS:

1. Under any circumstances a minimum degree of disruption in the school and school district will prevail.
2. Immediately upon diagnosis of an AIDS case, the Superintendent will be notified. The school board president and his designees and the district solicitor will then be called to a closed executive meeting without public announcement to discuss previously obtained information as well as district guidelines.
3. Immediately after the meeting described above, the district guidelines will be followed by first establishing a committee comprised of the school district physician, the student's parent or guardian, the building Principal, the Superintendent, and a school board representative.
4. Usually a recommendation to allow the student to attend school will result unless unusual circumstance prevail, such as aggressive behavior, inability to control body secretions, or evidence of open sores, lesions, or other such injuries.
5. First consideration should be given to continuing or returning the student to his regular assignment. Any decision for an alternative placement shall be based on the student's susceptibility to other diseases and the student's likelihood of presenting a risk of infection to others.
6. **The school district will not release the student's name, family, or any other personal data such as sex and grade level.**
7. A constant monitoring system will be enforced for each identified case through regular contact with legal and medical authorities, school personnel, the student, his family, and the Superintendent.



