

**REGULATION PERTAINING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS WITH
BLOOD BORNE CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

The Maggie L. Walker Governor's School Regional Board shall not discriminate in its programs against any student who suffers from a blood borne disease which is infectious or contagious, such as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (hereafter collectively referred to as AIDS), or Hepatitis B, or is perceived to have any one of the above conditions.

Upon learning that the student is HIV infected or has AIDS the director or director's designee will consult with the individual's family physician or the Public Health Director in making an appropriate determination regarding the child's educational program. Since it is known that HIV is not transmitted through casual contact, any student who is HIV infected will continue education in a regular classroom assignment unless the health status interferes significantly with performance. If a change in the student's program is necessary, the director or director's designee, family, and physician or health official will develop an individual plan which is medically, legally, and educationally sound. If the HIV student is receiving special education services, the services will be in agreement with established policies. Parents/guardians may appeal decisions for restriction or exclusion as determined by the school division's established procedures.

All persons with access to any medical information shall be required to treat all proceedings, discussions, and documents as confidential information. Medical information shall be divulged according to Virginia State Code.

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