

## **BLOOD BORNE CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

The attendance at school of students who suffer from blood borne diseases which are infectious or contagious, such as AIDS and Hepatitis B, and which may be transmitted by the exchange of body secretions is determined by the executive director on a case-by-case basis. The executive director obtains the advice of the local department of health to assist with the determination. The student may be excluded from school and school-related functions pending the executive director's decision. The executive director issues regulations setting forth the procedures to be followed to effectuate this policy.

The identity of a student who has tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus is confidential in accordance with law.

An alternative educational program is made available to any student whose removal pursuant to this policy is expected to result in a prolonged absence from school or where otherwise required by law.

Training in the use of universal precautions for handling blood is conducted periodically in accordance with state and federal law. Universal precautions for handling blood are implemented within the school setting and on buses in accordance with state and federal law.

The Regional School Board adopts guidelines for school attendance for children with human immunodeficiency virus. Such guidelines are consistent with the model guidelines for such school attendance developed by the Board of Education.

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-271.3, 32.1-36.1, 32.1-45.2.

Model Guidelines for School Attendance for Children with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (Attachment to Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo #32 (Feb. 13, 2004)).

Cross Ref:	Pol 2017	Possible Exposure to Viral Infections
	Pol 2019	Personnel Training Viral Infections
	Pol 3003.7	Off-Site Instruction and Virtual Courses
	Pol 4074	Guidelines for School Attendance for Students with Human Immunodeficiency Virus