

BLOODBORNE CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1. 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 Superintendent on a case-by-case basis.
2. When the school receives any information regarding a student who may have a blood borne contagious or infectious disease, the principal will contact the Superintendent or designee and provide all available information regarding the diagnosis.
3. The Superintendent or designee will obtain the advice of the local department of health to assist in the plan for the student's attendance or exclusion from school.
4. If a designee has obtained the information and advice, the designee is to confer with the Superintendent and provide all information necessary to make a determination regarding the possible exclusion from school.
5. The student may be excluded from school and school-related functions pending the Superintendent's decision.
6. The identity of a student who has tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus shall be confidential in accordance with state law.
7. The confidentiality of any student with any contagious or infectious disease shall be maintained.
8. An alternative educational program will be made available to any student whose removal pursuant to this regulation is expected to result in a prolonged absence from school or where otherwise required by law. The type of program offered will be contingent on the circumstances of each individual case.
9. Training in the use of universal precautions for handling blood will be conducted annually for all employees. The training and implementation procedures shall include universal precautions for handling blood within the school setting and on buses.
10. When a student has been diagnosed with any contagious or infectious disease, the Superintendent shall direct the principal to exclude the student from attendance until the principal has received a notice from the physician indicating that the student is no longer contagious or a risk to other students or staff.

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

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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 Reference:	EBAB	Possible Exposure to Viral Infections
	EBBB	Personnel Training—Viral Infections
	IGBG	Off-Site Instruction and Virtual Courses
	JHCCA-E	Guidelines for School Attendance for Students with Human Immunodeficiency Virus