

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF POLICY REGARDING HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND HEPATITIS B (HBV)

The Reading School Board of Directors has established a policy to:

- Ensure the a safe and healthy environment for students and employees
- Protect the rights of individuals.

The HIV and HBV policy is based on current evidence that these diseases are not transmissible with in the school setting except as noted in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's universal precautions for bodily fluids.

Therefore:

- The Board and its employees will not request information regarding HIV/HBV infection from students or their family members as part of the student's school record.
- All employees shall be required to consistently follow Standard Precautions in all settings and at all times.
- All students will have the same rights to attend school, receive services and accommodations, and be subject to same policies and rules.
- Information about a student's health status related to HIV and / or HBV status will be kept secured and confidential.

Staff development and student education regarding HIV and HBV will be comprehensive, factual, current, and productive to parent / guardian and community relations.

Additional information regarding these diseases can be obtained from the Supervisor of School Health or Certified School Nurses