

STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY – HIV/AIDS

POLICY

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The Board of Education believes that education can play an important role in the prevention and spread of the disease.

The Board of Education acknowledges that HIV/AIDS infection is a serious health issue.

The Board of Education recognizes that:

- The Medical Health Officer has the authority under “The Saskatchewan Public Health Act” to assess an individual’s risk of transmitting HIV/AIDS in a school setting.
- Infection with the virus shall not prevent a person from being employed or working in a school setting except as determined by the Medical Health Officer through the personal physician in consultation with the individual.
- A child’s educational needs are of primary importance and therefore no child shall be isolated from school or classroom except on the advice of the Medical Health Officer.
- The Medical Health Officer in conjunction with the personal physician will determine if children infected require special settings for learning because of lack of control of bodily functions, inappropriate behaviour such as biting or who have lesions which cannot be covered.
- The Medical Health Officer in consultation with the personal physician will determine, on a need-to-know basis, who will receive relevant information about children who have been identified as infected with HIV
- All staff members who are so informed shall maintain absolute confidentiality.

The Board expects that classroom instruction will be provided to students at both the elementary and high school levels.

- Formal instruction shall occur at grades 7 and 8 and in the Christian Ethics program in grade eleven.
- The program is to be taught in accordance with the Guidelines for AIDS Education as presented by the Bishops of Saskatoon dated September 1987.

- All resources and materials used in instruction on HIV/AIDS must be consistent with the Church teaching and the Guidelines for AIDS Education.
- All teachers involved in AIDS instruction shall participate in AIDS Education inservice.

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