ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME POLICY

A. Generally

The Huber Heights Board of Education recognizes the need to insure the education of all its students regardless of the condition of their health. According to the Ohio Department of Health, as stated in their "Guidelines and Recommendations for Elementary and Secondary Schools (K-12) Regarding Children with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)," this disease cannot be transmitted through casual contact as would ordinarily occur among school children and staff.

B. Attendance Criteria

In accordance with the recommendation of the Ohio Department of Health, children with AIDS should be allowed to attend school in a regular classroom setting provided:

1. The health status of the child as determined by his/ her physician allows participation in regular school activities.

2. The child behaves acceptably and retains personal control; i.e., does not bite other individuals or exhibit other violent behaviors.

3. The child should be in control of his/her bodily fluids.

4. The child does not have open sores or skin eruptions that cannot be covered.

C. Decision-Making Criteria

The procedure for making a decision about whether a child should attend school or receive instruction at home will include the following:

1. If the superintendent of the schools has reasonable cause to believe that a student is an infected individual, the superintendent may require said individual to submit to an appropriate medical evaluation.

2. The Assistant Superintendent, as soon as knowledge of an AIDS-infected person is made available, shall consult with the person's physician and the Montgomery County Health Commissioner or his/her designee to evaluate the child’s medical status. The director of pupil services shall chair such meetings and shall make a recommendation to the superintendent about whether the child should attend school or receive instruction in the home setting.

In the event the child is placed on home instruction, the child shall not be returned to school unless so recommended by the Montgomery County Health Commissioner.
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3. When a child with AIDS is admitted to school, personnel made aware of the child's condition should be the minimum number necessary to assure the proper care of the child. The number of informed staff should be sufficient to observe the child for behavioral and/or medical problems that could heighten the potential for AIDS transmission.

4. The personnel who come in direct contact with the child with AIDS will be advised of proper procedures for handling the blood and bodily fluids if it becomes necessary.

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