

POLICY

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Students

SUBJECT: ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME, AIDS RELATED COMPLEX (ARC) AND/OR POSITIVE BLOOD TESTS TO THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFIENCY VIRUS (H.I.V.)

It is the policy of the Vestal Board of Education that no individual shall be denied access to any program or activity sponsored by or conducted on the grounds of the Vestal Central School District, solely on the basis of his/her status as an HIV infected individual.

The Board further contends that under current law and regulations the disclosure of confidential HIV and/or AIDS related information shall be strictly limited.

The Board acknowledges the interests of students diagnosed as having HIV infection or AIDS to continue their education. The Board also acknowledges the interests of non-infected students of the school district to be in an environment free of significant risks to their health.

Administrative regulations and procedures in regard to students shall be developed and implemented by the administration based on recommendations from the New York State Education Department, and from consultation with appropriate professional and medical staff in the District.

The Superintendent/designee shall also establish protocols for routine sanitary procedures for dealing with the cleaning and handling of body fluids in school, with special emphasis placed on staff awareness.

References: OSHA; 504 Rehabilitation Act 1973
14th Amendment; U.S. Constitution
Confidentiality: Public Health Law, Article 27-F
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