

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2  
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



**STUDENTS AND AIDS**

1. The Winner Board of Education has deemed that this policy applies to all school-age children who are human t-lympotropic virus type III antibody positive (HTLV-III) or who meet the clinical definitions of AIDS Related Complex (ARC) or the AIDS Syndrome (AIDS).
2. School age is defined in this policy to mean children and adolescents placed in legally required educational settings and programs.
3. School-age children with AIDS/ARC or HTLV-III antibody will be allowed to attend the Winner Schools, with written permission of the child's physician-in an unrestricted manner unless the Board of Education documents reasons to exclude the youngster.
4. One or more of the following conditions may require a more restricted environment or exclusion from school for the infected school-age child:
  - a. The child is not toilet-trained or is incontinent or is otherwise unable to control drooling;
  - b. The child is unusually physically aggressive, with a documented history of biting or harming others; and,
  - c. The child has other medical conditions, such as mucous running from the nose, uncovered oozing sores, etc.
5. The building principal shall notify the superintendent of schools when an AIDS infected school-age child exhibits questionable behavior or other medical conditions requiring a possibly restricted school setting-or a return to his/her home environment.
6. The South Dakota Secretary of Health has designated an expert Advisory Committee to evaluate each infected child on an ongoing basis. The Committee consists of 5 permanent members including: (a) The State Epidemiologist, (b) The State Medical Officer, (c) A physician with expertise in infectious diseases, (d) A representative from the S.D. Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, (e) A physician with expertise in the care of AIDS patients, and, (f) other members specifically assigned for each child. These may include, but not be limited to, the child's parent or guardian, personal physician, and relevant school employees.
7. The Superintendent of the Winner School District may request an evaluation by the Advisory Committee to evaluate an AIDS/ARC or HTLV-III antibody positive child who exhibits, any of the exceptional conditions stated on page one of this policy. Between the time of referral and the rendering of the evaluation by the Committee, the child may be excluded from school by the Superintendent.
8. The State Epidemiologist will chair the Committee and will be responsible for scheduling its meetings. The Committee's appraisal and recommendation on each child's placement will be based upon:
  - a. The child's behavior;
  - b. The child's neurologic development;
  - c. The child's physical condition; and,
  - d. The expected type of interaction with others in the school environment.

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9. A school-age child with AIDS/ARC or HTLV-III antibody who is recommended by the Committee to NOT attend school will be provided with an educational program in accordance with state and federal statutes.
10. Assessment of the risk to the immuno-suppressed child in an unrestricted setting is best made by the child's parents who are aware of her/his immune status. If outbreaks of chickenpox, measles, or other acute infectious diseases occur in the school, the child may be excluded from school-at the request of the parent (until the outbreak is over).
11. Information concerning school-age children with AIDS/ARC or HTLV-III antibody shall be kept in the strictest confidence by school personnel. Only those individuals who are necessary to assure the proper care of the infected child and to detect situations in which the potential transmission may increase will be informed of the child's condition. The Superintendent of Schools, along with the child's building principal and parents, will decide who (within the school environment) will be informed.