



Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

Section: **Students**

Policy: **HIV Presence in Students**

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POLICY

1. The Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board's Mission and Vision call forth the Gospel values of compassion that must be consistent with our treatment of individuals suffering from Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). It is essential not only to understand the cause and prevention of HIV but to also empathize with members of the school community who may be infected with the disease.
2. The Board shall endeavour to provide a safe environment for all students and employees.

PROCEDURES

1. The identity of a student with HIV shall be protected. The student's right to privacy and to have private medical information held in the strictest confidence according to law shall be upheld.
2. Students infected with HIV have the right to attend their regular classes unless deemed otherwise by the Medical Officer of Health.
3. Where the physical condition or behaviour of a student infected with HIV poses a health risk, every reasonable attempt shall be made to provide alternate instruction. Decisions, regarding alternate instruction, shall be made on an individual basis by the appropriate Superintendent.

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