

The Board of Education believes that preventive health practices shall be established in schools in order to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff. The Board therefore adopts the following policy on hygiene and sanitary procedures for dealing with exposure to and contact with blood and other body fluids.

To prevent and/or minimize the transmission of contagious and communicable diseases or infections within the school community, school districts shall establish training sessions to teach employees precautionary methods for avoiding infection and transmission of infectious diseases in schools. In addition, all employees of the district shall utilize appropriate precautions when providing first aid or otherwise dealing with situations that involve exposure to blood and other body fluids. Such precautionary measures will be applicable in all buildings and facilities throughout the school district.

The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for developing appropriate procedures to implement this policy and for informing all staff of such procedures and ensuring compliance with them. The failure by any employee to utilize such procedures may form the basis for disciplinary action.