

Statement of Policy

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools are committed to maintaining a healthy and safe environment for all students, families, and employees. HIV/AIDS education shall be delivered in a manner consistent with Catholic Church teaching.

Rationale

Every effort must be made to ensure the safe inclusion of students and staff who are HIV-positive.

HIV/AIDS infection is a serious health issue in the Province of Saskatchewan and education can play an important role in the prevention and spread of the disease.

Authority

- The Education Act, 1995, Reg 157 s1 (g)
- Saskatchewan Human Rights Code, 2018, Reg 13 s1, 16 s1
- Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association

Procedures/Guidelines

1. If HIV status is disclosed, all staff members who are so informed shall maintain absolute confidentiality.
2. HIV infection shall not prevent a person from being employed or working in a school setting.
3. No child who is HIV-positive shall be isolated from school or classroom. Circumstances which may require accommodations will be guided by health care professionals.
4. Classroom instruction regarding HIV/AIDS will be provided to students in Health classes as indicated in Provincial Health Curriculum.
5. Lessons regarding HIV/AIDS shall be taught according to the “SCSBA *Catholic HIV/AIDS Program*” (October 2020) as approved by the Catholic Bishops of Saskatchewan (September 2020).
 - a. All additional resources or materials used in instruction on HIV/AIDS must be consistent with Catholic Church teaching.

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