

ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

The Valliant Board of education believes that its primary responsibility is to provide the opportunity for an education to each school-age child who resides within this district and who is qualified under Oklahoma law to attend school.

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease in which the body's immune system is impaired by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The virus leaves its victim unable to fight off infections. As a result, persons with AIDS are susceptible to serious secondary infections, such as pneumonia and certain malignancies. Some, but not all, persons infected with HIV develop AIDS.

To assist the school district and infected students, it is the policy of this board of education that students who have contracted AIDS, or students who are infected with HIV will not be denied educational opportunities.

REFERENCE: **63 O.S. § 1-502.2**