
AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION

1.0 Purpose

AIDS prevention education shall be integrated into health education curriculum in grades 6-12 and into other current programs of study such as science, developmental guidance and social studies as indicated by the content standards for such courses. The program shall be comprehensive and provide not only knowledge about the disease AIDS, but also focus on behaviors and skills necessary to prevent exposure to the virus. Guidelines, such as those published by the Centers for Disease Control in the January 29, 1988, MMWR, shall be used in curriculum development. All high school students, who have completed the health and science course requirement for graduation, shall receive appropriate AIDS prevention education. The district shall seek assistance of school leaders and community representatives, as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent, in developing appropriate curricula.

2.0 In-Service

All school staff shall receive periodic in-service training about:

- 2.1 the nature of the AIDS epidemic and means of controlling its spread;
- 2.2 the role of the school in providing education to prevent transmission.

3.0 Staff Development

All educational personnel responsible for classroom instruction shall receive periodic staff development that will enable them to implement effective AIDS education.

- 3.1 Programs shall be taught by qualified professionals who periodically participate in staff development activities that will provide current information related to AIDS education.
- 3.2 Parents or guardians may attend staff development.

4.0 Parent Involvement

Parents/guardians, upon request, shall be provided with an opportunity to examine curricular materials and may exempt their child from AIDS instruction by giving written notice to the principal.

5.0 Responsibility

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule published by the Superintendent.

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