

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION

The life-threatening dangers of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and its prevention shall be taught in the district. HIV/AIDS prevention education shall be limited to the discussion of the life-threatening dangers of the disease, its transmission, and prevention. Students shall receive such education at least once each school year beginning no later than the fifth grade.

The HIV/AIDS prevention education program shall be developed in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents, and other community members and approved for medical accuracy by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, office on HIV/AIDS.

At least one month prior to teaching the HIV/AIDS prevention education in any classroom, the district will meet and discuss the curricula and materials that will be used for such education. The parents and guardians shall be notified of the opportunity to discuss and inspect the curricula and materials. No student may be required to participate in HIV/AIDS prevention education if the student's parent or guardian, having attended one of the district presentations and/or having met with staff and discussed the curricula and materials, objects in writing to participation.

The curriculum for HIV/AIDS prevention education shall be designed to teach students which behaviors place a person dangerously at risk of infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and methods to avoid such risk including, at least:

- The dangers of drug abuse, especially that involving the use of hypodermic needles; and
- The dangers of sexual intercourse, with or without condoms.

The program of HIV/AIDS prevention education shall stress the life-threatening dangers of contracting HIV/AIDS and shall stress that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means for preventing the transmission of HIV through sexual contact. The instruction shall also stress that condoms and other artificial means of birth control are not a certain means of preventing the spread of HIV and, reliance on condoms puts an individual at risk for exposure to the disease.

Cross References: District Policy 3414
District Policy 2125

Infectious Diseases
Health, Family Life and Sex Education

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.070
RCW 28A.300.475
70.24.250

AIDS Education in public schools
Medically accurate sexual health education
Repository and clearing hours for AIDS education and training materials

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