

AIDS Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) poses a public health crisis. At the present time, society's most effective weapon against the spread of this deadly disease is public education.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

The number of AIDS cases is steadily increasing. In the course of living their daily lives, our students will come into contact with people who have AIDS. Therefore the district's health and family life education program will include factual information about AIDS and how the disease is transmitted. Students must be told what voluntary behaviors result in infection and also be motivated to prevent infection by making wise decisions in their daily lives.

Instruction must be appropriate to the grade level of the students receiving it. The Board particularly desires that students receive proper AIDS education before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting AIDS.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Design)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

In order for AIDS instruction to be most effective, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff members who will present this instruction receive continuing inservice training which includes appropriate teaching strategies and techniques.

In middle school and high school, AIDS education shall be provided by the health education teacher as part of the district's comprehensive family life and health education program.

Sufficient classroom time should be provided to fully cover essential knowledge appropriate for each grade level and allow students time to ask questions and discuss issues raised by the information presented.

Before students receive AIDS instruction, parents/guardians shall be notified in accordance with state law and Board policy. Alternative study arrangements shall be made for students whose parents/guardians ask that they not receive instruction.

HIV/AIDS prevention instruction shall be focused on giving students the knowledge, skills and motivation to avoid or reduce high-risk behavior that may lead to HIV infection. Staff members or others who present

HIV/AIDS prevention instruction shall be adequately trained and have periodic inservice opportunities to remain knowledgeable of new prevention education techniques and new

developments in the scientific understanding of HIV/AIDS. Other staff members and parents/guardians also shall have access to HIV/AIDS information in order to reinforce universal precautions and to present consistent messages and attitudes to students.

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints concerning Instructional Material)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 5145.1 - Notification of Legal Rights)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

Parent/Guardian Notification

At the beginning of the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian of each student with written notice, pursuant to law and administrative regulation, explaining the purpose of the AIDS prevention instruction. (Education Code 48980, 51201.5)

This notice shall specify that a parent/guardian may request that his/her child not receive instruction in AIDS prevention. (Education Code 51201.5)

(cf. 5145.6 Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of their right to inspect all instructional materials related to HIV/AIDS instruction, and shall provide opportunities for inspection of materials before they are presented to students. (Education Code 51550)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive AIDS prevention instruction, and the student does not receive the instruction. (Education Code 51201.5, 51554, 51555)

An alternative educational activity shall be made available to students whose parents/guardians have requested that they not receive AIDS prevention instruction. The alternative educational activity shall occur while the AIDS prevention instruction is being delivered. (Education Code 51201.5, 51555)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Notice at beginning of term

51201.5 AIDS prevention instruction

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs

51229.8 Inservice training for providers of AIDS prevention instruction

51240 Excuse from health instruction and family life and sex education due to religious beliefs

51550 Sex education courses

51553 Sex education classes: course criteria

51554 Parent notification; sex education courses

51555 Parent notification in grades K-6; sex education courses

51820 Venereal disease instruction

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS

Health Framework for California Public Schools, 1994

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Saving Lives: AIDS Issues for California Schools, 1994

WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

NSBA AIDS Education and School Health

Program: <http://www.nsba.org/services/federation/hivweb.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/>

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