

AIDS INSTRUCTION

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the District will provide age appropriate classroom instruction for all students in grades K-12 concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as part of its sequential and comprehensive health program. Such instruction shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. the nature of the disease;
2. methods of transmission of the disease; and
3. methods of prevention of the disease (stressing abstinence as the most effective and appropriate protection against AIDS).

A student shall be excused from that segment of AIDS instruction regarding methods of prevention of the disease if the student's parent, guardian, or person in parental relation files a request in writing with the Building Principal. The request must give assurance that such instruction will be given at home.

The Board of Education shall be responsible for determining the content of the District's AIDS curriculum, approving its implementation, and evaluating the AIDS instructional program. In addition, the Board will ensure appropriate training and curriculum materials are provided for the instructional staff providing AIDS instruction and to parents who request such materials.

The Board shall establish an advisory council which shall be responsible for making recommendations on content, implementation, and evaluation of the AIDS instructional program. The advisory council must consist of Board members, appropriate school personnel, parents, and community representatives, including representatives from religious organizations.

Ref: Education Law §3204(5)
8 NYCRR §135.3

Ware v. Valley Stream High School District, 75 NY2d 114 (1989)

New York State School Boards Association v. Sobol, 168 AD2d 188 (1991)

Matter of Knowledge, 32 EDR 451 (1993)

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