Instruction

AIDS Prevention Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pose a public health crisis and that education is a necessary component for helping to slow the spread of this disease. (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases) (cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

The district shall offer a comprehensive, age-appropriate HIV/AIDS prevention curriculum.

The district's HIV/AIDS prevention curriculum shall be part of a comprehensive health education program that teaches acceptance of personal responsibility and emphasizes decisions that promote health. (cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

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. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

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 parent/guardian consent is required prior to his/her child receiving AIDS prevention instruction. (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, 51554, 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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