

HIV/AIDS INSTRUCTION

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

The number of HIV/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 education program will include factual information about HIV/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 HIV/AIDS education before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting HIV/AIDS.

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

Parents and community members representing divergent viewpoints should have input into the selection and/or development of instructional materials to be used in HIV/AIDS instruction. The curriculum shall be updated regularly.

In cooperation with local health agencies, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a program of orientation and information about AIDS and the AIDS instructional program for parents/guardians and interested members of the community. This program shall include the opportunity to examine all instructional materials before they are used with our students.

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

LEGAL REFERENCE**EDUCATION CODE**

- 51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
- 51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs
- 51240 Excuse from health instruction and family life and sex education due to religious beliefs
- 51550 Sex education courses
- 51820 Venereal disease instruction