

INSTRUCTION

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Health Enhancement

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the principle responsibility for meeting the mental, physical and emotional needs of children and youth in areas of sex education or human sexuality lies with the parents.

The School District shall provide learning opportunities for acquiring knowledge and understanding for human growth and development processes through biological sciences and health curricula. Health, family life and sex education, including information about parts of the body, reproduction and related topics, shall be included in the instructional program as appropriate to the grade level and course of study. The instructional approach shall be developed after consultation with parents and other community representatives. Parents may ask to review the materials to be used and may request that their child be excluded from instructional units dealing with sex education class sessions without prejudice. Such students shall be assigned alternative areas of study during that exclusion.

The Board believes that HIV/AIDS instruction is most effective when integrated into a comprehensive health education program. Instruction shall be developmentally appropriate to the grade level of the students and shall occur in a systematic manner. The Board particularly desires that students receive proper education about HIV before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors that put them at risk of contracting the disease.

In order for education about HIV to be most effective, the Superintendent shall require that faculty members who present this instruction receive continuing in-service training that includes appropriate teaching strategies and techniques. Other staff members not involved in direct instruction but who have contact with students shall receive basic information about HIV/AIDS and instruction in the use of universal precautions when dealing with body fluids.

In accordance with Board policy, parents shall have an opportunity to review the HIV education program before it is presented to students.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1608 et seq. Family life and sex education – Legislative policy
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