

Procedures for HIV-AIDS Prevention Education

The HIV-AIDS prevention education program shall consist of the model curricula and other resources available from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction which is reviewed for medical accuracy by the State Department of Health, HIV-AIDS Prevention and Education Services (Office on AIDS).

1. The district will use the most current, medically accurate model HIV-AIDS prevention education curriculum materials made available by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
2. If the district chooses to use HIV-AIDS prevention curricula developed by the district, the district shall submit to the Office on AIDS within the Department of Social and Health Services for review and approval, a copy of its curricula and an affidavit of medical accuracy stating that the material in the district-developed curricula has been compared to the model curricula for medical accuracy and that, in the opinion of the district, the district-developed materials are medically accurate.
3. The district curriculum for HIV-AIDS prevention education shall stress to students the life-threatening dangers of contracting HIV-AIDS, teach the behaviors that place a person dangerously at risk of infection with the human immunodeficiency (HIV) virus, and methods to avoid such risk.
 - a. The program shall stress that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means for preventing the spread or contraction of the HIV virus through sexual contact.
 - b. The program shall teach that condoms and other artificial means of birth control are not a certain means of preventing the spread of the HIV virus and that reliance on condoms puts a person at risk for exposure to the disease.
 - c. The program shall teach the dangers of drug abuse, especially that involving the use of hypodermic needles.
4. At least one presentation for the families of students concerning the curricula and materials that will be used for HIV-AIDS prevention education in the classroom will be conducted annually in the district.
 - a. The presentation(s) must occur on weekend or evening hours.
 - b. The presentation(s) must occur at least one month prior to teaching HIV-AIDS prevention education in any classroom
 - c. Families shall be notified by the district of the presentation and that the curricula and materials will be available for review.

5. No student will be required to participate in HIV-AIDS prevention education if the student's family, having reviewed the material, objects in writing to the participation. This communication should be presented to the school principal.
6. Students in grades 5-12 shall have the opportunity to receive the HIV-AIDS prevention program yearly. Each school will determine the specific course in which the HIV-AIDS curriculum is taught. The content within these classes shall be taught in accordance with these regulations.

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