

TITLE: AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION POLICY

Curriculum. AIDS prevention education shall be integrated into health education in grades 6-12 and into other current programs of study such as science, developmental guidance and social studies as indicated by the content standards for such courses. The program shall be comprehensive and provide not only knowledge about the disease AIDS, but also focus on behaviors and skills necessary to prevent exposure to the virus. Guidelines, such as those published by the Centers for Disease Control in the January 29, 1988, MMWR, shall be used in curriculum development. All high school students, who have completed the health and science course requirement for graduation, shall receive appropriate AIDS prevention education. The district shall seek assistance of school leaders and community representatives in developing appropriate curricula.

In-service. All school staff shall receive periodic in-service training about: the nature of the AIDS epidemic and means of controlling its spread; and, the role of the school in providing education to prevent transmission.

Staff Development. All educational personnel responsible for classroom instruction shall receive periodic staff development that will enable them to implement effective AIDS education. Programs shall be taught by qualified professionals who periodically participate in staff development activities that will provide current information related to AIDS education. Parents or guardians may attend staff development.

Parent Involvement. Parents/guardians shall be provided with an opportunity to examine curricular materials and may exempt their child from AIDS instruction by giving written notice to the principal.

Review Schedule. This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule published by the Superintendent.

Legal Authority: West Virginia Code §18-2-9;
West Virginia Board of Education Policy 2422.4

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