

AIDS INSTRUCTION

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the district will provide classroom instruction concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as part of a sequential and comprehensive health program for all students, K-6. Instruction must be offered during regularly scheduled classes. Such instruction will be age-appropriate, and include the following information:

1. the nature of the disease;
2. methods of transmission of the disease; and
3. methods of prevention of the disease (stressing abstinence as the most effective and appropriate protection against AIDS).

Pursuant to the Commissioner's Regulations, parents will be advised that a student may be excused from that segment of AIDS instruction regarding methods of prevention of the disease if his/her parent/guardian files a request with the Building Principal. The request must give assurance that such instruction will be given at home.

The Board has established an advisory council which is responsible for making recommendations on content, implementation, and evaluation of the AIDS instructional program. The advisory council must consist of at least one school board member, appointed by the President, appropriate school personnel, parents, and community representatives, including representatives from religious organizations.

The advisory council may be a sub-committee of the District's Health and Wellness Committee. The chairpersons of the Health and Wellness Committee will obtain the advisory council memberships from the Superintendent.

Cross-ref: 2260, Citizens Advisory Committees

Ref: Education Law §3204(5)
 8 NYCRR §§16.2; 135.3
Ware v. Valley Stream High School District, 75 NY2d 114 (1989)
New York State School Boards Association v. Sobol, 168 AD2d 188 (1991)
Matter of Ware, 28 EDR 415 (1989)

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