

HIV INFECTION INSTRUCTION

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the District will provide classroom instruction concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome as part of a sequential and comprehensive health program for all students, K-12. 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 HIV).

A pupil may be excused from the segment of HIV instruction regarding methods of prevention of the disease if his/her parent/guardian files a request with the Superintendent of Schools. The request must give assurance that such instruction will be given at home.

The Board shall establish an ad hoc advisory council as needed which shall be responsible for making recommendations on content, implementation, and evaluation of the HIV instructional program. The advisory council must consist of Board members, appropriate school personnel, parents and community representatives, including representatives from religious organizations.

Cross-ref: 1210 Citizens Advisory Committees
8123.1 Contagious Diseases

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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