~~BP 6142.2 AIDS INSTRUCTION~~

~~***Note**: The following optional policy should be revised or deleted to reflect district philosophy and needs.*~~

~~***Notes**: For districts receiving federal funds, section 7906 of the Every Student Succeeds Act sets limitations on how districts approach sexual subject matter and sex education. The law requires that federal funds not be used to (1) develop or distribute materials or programs that encourage or promote sexual activity, (2) distribute or aid in the distribution by any organization of obscene materials to minors on school grounds, (3) provide sex education or HIV prevention education unless that instruction is age appropriate and includes the health benefits of abstinence, or (4) operate a program of contraceptive distribution in schools. Non-federal funds may be used for these activities.*~~

~~The School Board recognizes that acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) pose a health risk. An effective weapon against the spread of this deadly disease is public education.~~

~~The district's health education program will include factual information about the transmission of AIDS and HIV. Students will be informed of voluntary behaviors that can result in infection and will be encouraged to prevent infection by making wise decisions in their daily lives. Instruction shall emphasize that abstinence is the only totally effective protection against AIDS through sexual transmission.~~

~~Instruction must be appropriate to the age and grade level of the students receiving it. The School Board particularly desires that students receive proper AIDS education before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting AIDS.~~

~~Parents/guardians and community members should have input into the selection and/or development of instructional materials to be used in AIDS instruction. The curriculum shall be updated regularly.~~

~~*(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)*~~

~~*(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Design)*~~

~~*(cf. 5141.41 – Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention)*~~

Sufficient classroom time should be provided to fully cover essential knowledge appropriate for each grade level and allow students time to ask questions and discuss issues raised by the information presented.

In cooperation with local health agencies, as appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a program of orientation and information about the AIDS Instructional program for parents/guardians and interested members of the community. This program shall include the opportunity to examine all instructional materials.

Before students receive AIDS instruction, parents/guardians shall be notified. Alternative study arrangements will be made for students whose parents/guardians ask that they not receive instruction.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints concerning Instructional Material)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

Legal Reference:

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