

Instruction

AIDS INSTRUCTION

BP 6142.2 (a)

Note: 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 Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) pose a public 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. 5141.41 – Sexual Abuse, Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Design)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

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. Staff providing the instruction shall receive training in accordance with BP/AR 5141.42, Professional Boundaries of Staff with Students. Before students receive AIDS instruction, parents/guardians shall be notified, in writing, at least two weeks before any instruction, description, illustration, or discussion on human reproduction or sexual matters, including human reproductive organs and their functions, processes, or diseases. In addition, this notification shall inform parents/guardians that they may review the instructional materials and review the credentials of any presenter who is not a certified teacher of the district and request in writing that their child does not attend the class.

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At the parent/guardian's request, any student may be excused from any part of family life/sex education instruction.

Per AR 1312.2, Individual Students may be excused from using challenged materials after the parent/guardian has presented a request in writing. The teacher will then assign the student alternate materials of equal merit.

(cf. 1220 – Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Material)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 5141.42 – Professional Boundaries of Staff with Students)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.03.016 A Parent's right to direct the education of the parent's child

14.30.360 Health education curriculum; physical education guidelines

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