

6142.2 AIDS Prevention Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pose a public health crisis and that education is a necessary component for helping to slow the spread of this disease.

The district shall offer a comprehensive, age-appropriate HIV/AIDS prevention curriculum in the middle school grades (6-8) in accordance with related statutory requirements.

The district's HIV/AIDS prevention curriculum shall be part of the Family Life instruction program that teaches acceptance of personal responsibility and emphasizes decisions that promote health.

HIV/AIDS prevention instruction shall be focused on giving students the knowledge, skills and motivation to avoid or reduce high-risk behavior that may lead to HIV infection.

Staff members or others who present HIV/AIDS prevention instruction shall be adequately trained and have periodic inservice opportunities to remain knowledgeable of new prevention education techniques and new developments in the scientific understanding of HIV/AIDS.

At the beginning of the school year and prior to Family Life instruction, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the parent/guardian of each student with written notice, pursuant to law and administrative regulation, explaining the purpose of the AIDS prevention instruction. (Education Code 48980, 51201.5)

The notice provided prior to Family Life instruction shall specify that parent/guardian consent is required prior to his/her child receiving AIDS prevention instruction. (Education Code 51201.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of their right to inspect all instructional materials related to HIV/AIDS instruction, and shall provide opportunities for inspection of materials before they are presented to students. (Education Code 51550)

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive AIDS prevention instruction, and the student does not receive the instruction. (Education Code 51201.5, 51554, 51555)

An alternative educational activity shall be made available to students whose parents/guardians have requested that they not receive AIDS prevention instruction. The alternative educational activity shall occur while the AIDS prevention instruction is being delivered. (Education Code 51201.5, 51554, 51555)

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