

INSTRUCTION

HIV/AIDS Education

The Board recognizes that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (“HIV”) infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (“AIDS”) pose a public health crisis. At the present time, society’s most effective weapon against this deadly disease is public education.

The District’s health education program shall include factual information regarding HIV infection. Students shall be told what behaviors put them at risk of infection and also shall be motivated to prevent infection by making wise decisions in their daily lives.

The Board believes that HIV/AIDS instruction is most effective when integrated into a comprehensive health education program. Instruction shall be developmentally appropriate to the grade level of the students and shall occur in a systematic manner. The Board particularly desires that students receive proper education about HIV before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting the disease.

In order for education about HIV to be most effective, the Superintendent shall insure that faculty members who present this instruction receive continuing in service training which includes appropriate teaching strategies and techniques. Other staff members not involved in direct instruction but who have contact with students shall receive basic information about HIV/AIDS and instruction in the use of universal precautions when dealing with body fluids.

In accordance with Board policy, parents or legal guardians shall have an opportunity to review the HIV education program before it is presented to students.

Legal Reference: § 50-16-100 1, et seq, MCA      AIDS Education and Prevention (AIDS Prevention Act)

Policy History:

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