HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION

The life-threatening dangers of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and its prevention will be taught in the District. HIV/AIDS prevention education will be limited to the discussion of the life-threatening dangers of the disease, its spread, and prevention. Students will receive such education at least once each school year beginning no later than the fifth grade.

The HIV/AIDS prevention education program will be the model curricula and resources available through OSPI or, if developed by the school district, be approved for medical accuracy by the office on HIVAIDS. District-developed curricula will be submitted to the office on HIV/AIDS accompanied by an affidavit of medical accuracy stating that the material in the district-developed curricula has been compared to the model curricula for medical accuracy and that in the opinion of the district the district-developed materials are medically accurate. Upon submission of the affidavit and curricula, the district may use these materials until the approval procedure to be conducted by the office of HIV/AIDS has been completed.

At least one month before teaching HIV/AIDS prevention education in any classroom the District will conduct, during convenient hours for the parents and guardians of students, at least one presentation concerning the curricula and materials that will be used for such education. The parents and guardians will be notified at least ten (10) days prior to the presentation. During this period the curricula and materials will be available for inspection at the school. No student may be required to participate in AIDS prevention education if the student's parent or guardian, having attended one of the district presentations, objects in writing to participation.

The curriculum for HIV/AIDS prevention education will be designed to teach students which behaviors place a person dangerously at risk of infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and methods to avoid such risk.

The program of HIV/AIDS prevention education will stress the life-threatening dangers of contracting HIV/AIDS and will stress that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means for the prevention of the spread or contraction of the HIV/AIDS virus through sexual contact.

Cross References	Policy 3414	Infectious Diseases
	Policy 2125	Health, Family Life and Sex Education
LEGAL REFERENCES	RCW 28A.230.070	AIDS Education in public schools

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