

AIDS INSTRUCTION

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, requiring appropriate instruction regarding Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as part of the sequential health education program for all pupils, the District will provide classroom instruction concerning AIDS within the comprehensive health program for all students, Grades K-12.

Such instruction will be age-appropriate, and include the following information:

1. the nature of the disease;
2. methods of transmission of the disease; and
3. methods of prevention of the disease (stressing abstinence as the most effective and appropriate protection against AIDS).

A pupil may be excused from AIDS instruction in accordance with regulation of the State Board of Regents and the Commissioner of Education by filing a request with the Superintendent of Schools. However, pursuant to 8 NYCRR § 16.2, a petition for recusal must be filed by a proper person authorized to represent a religious group on a statewide basis asking that the children of parents or guardians who profess the religion of the said group be excused for being in conflict with the tenants of such religion. Moreover, the petition shall contain a statement setting forth the specific area of instruction which allegedly is in conflict with the religious practices of the petitioner's group.

Cross-Reference: 5191, Students with HIV-Related Illness

Reference: Education Law § 803
8 NYCRR § 135.3
8 NYCRR § 16.2
29 Ed Dept Rep 213 (1990)
35 Ed Dept Rep 337 (1996)

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