

Instruction

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

Education is the best way to prevent the spread of AIDS, and through learning the facts about AIDS, students are better able to make decisions which will keep them healthy and even save their lives. Various school district curricula, including health curricula, science curricula, and social studies curricula among others shall include information on AIDS - both its cause and prevention.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-19b AIDS education

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Administrative Regulation:

1. Within two (2) weeks after the first day of school, the Superintendent will forward, or cause to be forwarded, to all parents/guardians of children attending the school, a letter informing them of the following:
 - 1.1 The State requirement for instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome and this school's compliance with that requirement.
 - 1.2 Parent's/guardian's right to exempt their child(ren) from instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
 - 1.3 Procedures to be followed by parents/guardians who wish to cause their child(ren) to be exempt from instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome:
 - 1.3.1 Parents who wish to cause their child(ren) to be exempt will notify the Principal.
 - 1.3.2 The Principal will provide an opportunity for parents/guardians requesting an exemption to review the curriculum for acquired immune deficiency syndrome instruction. (The Principal will provide an opportunity for all interested parents/guardians to learn about the AIDS instruction program, whether or not they wish to request that their child(ren) be exempt from such instruction.)
 - 1.3.3 After reviewing the acquired immune deficiency syndrome instruction curriculum, parents/guardians may request, in writing, that their child(ren) be exempt from such instruction. All such written requests will be honored.
2. Reasonable effort will be made by the Principal to cause the parents/guardians to review the curriculum before requesting exemption; however, parental/guardian requests for their child(ren) to be exempt from such instruction will be honored even if the parents/guardians refuse to review the curriculum.

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