

HIV, AIDS, HBV and HCV, Health Education

The Board wants the schools to play an important role in reducing the fears about HIV/AIDS/HBV/HCV¹ and in reducing the risk behaviors that lead to infection by educating students with current, factual information about the disease, i.e., how it attacks the body's system and how it is (and is not) transmitted. AIDS is a deadly disease; there is no known cure. The Board believes the best course of action is to attempt to contain or to reduce the spread of the disease by creating an informed public; one that is aware of the physiological and psychological aspects of the disease.

A curriculum shall be developed cooperatively by parents, teachers, administration, local health department staff and others. The curriculum shall present current, accurate information to help students learn infection control for preventing the spread of the HIV/AIDS/HBV/HCV-causing virus and to assist them in making decisions about protecting their health and the health of others. The curriculum shall stress the value of abstinence. Information about HIV, AIDS, HBV and HCV infections shall be included in the curriculum.

The Board-adopted curriculum will be reviewed and updated biennially.

The age-appropriate curriculum shall be taught annually in grades K-12.

The district will designate a staff person to facilitate communication between the Nevada Department of Human Services, Health Services, Nevada Department of Education and teaching staff regarding this program.

The district shall develop procedures for parent notification, exemption and alternative credit.

Parents of minor students shall be notified in advance that the material regarding HIV/AIDS/HBV/HCV will be taught. Any parent may request his/her student be excused from the class under the provisions set forth in Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Codes

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

¹HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus; AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome; HBV - Hepatitis B Virus; HCV - Hepatitis C Virus