

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

The AIDS prevention education program shall be developed in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents and other community members including, but not limited to, persons from medical, public health and mental health organizations and agencies. The curricula and materials used in the AIDS education program may be the model curricula and resources available through the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) or, if developed by the District, be approved for medical accuracy by the office on AIDS at the Department of Social and Health Services. District-developed curricula shall be submitted to the office on 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 AIDS has been completed.

The program of AIDS prevention education shall stress the life-threatening dangers of contracting AIDS and shall stress that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means for the prevention of the spread or contraction of the AIDS virus through sexual contact. The instruction shall also stress that condoms and other artificial means of birth control are not a certain means of preventing the spread of the AIDS virus, and reliance on condoms puts a person at risk for exposure to the disease. The Superintendent or superintendent's designee is directed to provide appropriate procedures for implementation of this policy.

Cross Reference:	Policy 3414	Communicable Diseases/Students
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