Instruction

AIDS INSTRUCTION

The number of AIDS cases is steadily increasing. In the course of living their daily lives, our students will come into contact with people who have AIDS. Therefore, the district’s health education program will include factual information about AIDS and how the disease is transmitted. Students must be told what voluntary behaviors result in infection and also be motivated to prevent infection by making wise decisions in their daily lives.

Instruction must be appropriate to the grade level of the students receiving it. The Board particularly desires that students receive proper AIDS education before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting AIDS.

In order for AIDS instruction to be most effective, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff members who will present this instruction receive continuing in-service training which includes appropriate teaching strategies and techniques.

Parents/guardians and community members representing divergent viewpoints should have input into the selection and/or development of instructional materials to be used in AIDS instruction. The curriculum shall be updated regularly.

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Design)

In the elementary grades, AIDS education shall be provided by the regular classroom teacher and shall be designed principally to allay excessive fears of the epidemic and of becoming infected.

In middle school and high school, AIDS education shall be provided by the health education teacher as part of a comprehensive health education program.

Sufficient classroom time should be provided to fully cover essential knowledge appropriate for each grade level and allow students time to ask questions and discuss issues raised by the information presented.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES
14.30.360 Curriculum

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