

HIV PREVENTION EDUCATION

The Passaic Board of Education believes HIV education should be integrated into the comprehensive health education curriculum, but may also be applied to other curriculum areas.

The district HIV education program must address, at a minimum, the nature, transmission, prevention and effects of the disease. The program shall be provided through a coordinated sequential elementary and secondary curriculum, taking into consideration the age, growth, development and maturity of the students and the subject matter of the course. Development of the program should take into account the instructional needs of all students in the district.

The superintendent shall ensure that the information presented as a part of the HIV prevention education program is articulated in such a way that transition from grade to grade in the elementary schools and from elementary to secondary approaches to the material will be appropriate for all students.

The superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the preparation and development of an HIV prevention education program, with active consultation and participation of an advisory committee that may consist of teachers, administrators, parents/guardians, students (as appropriate), physicians, members of social and health service agencies, and representative members of the community. The advisory committee shall be consulted as a part of the curriculum revision and/or adoption process, as described in the Curriculum Design/Development board policy.

The superintendent shall ensure that all staff involved in teaching the HIV prevention education program are properly certified for the subject area in which they are teaching and adequately prepared to teach the material. As necessary, appropriate staff training shall be provided.

Upon request, the HIV education curriculum will be made available to parents/guardians for their review. Any student whose parent/guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with their conscience, or moral or religious beliefs, shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given, and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result therefrom. An alternative educational opportunity shall be provided during the time a student is excused from part or the entire program. The alternative educational opportunity will include topics that do not conflict with the parents/guardians beliefs but fall within the same subject area (i.e. comprehensive health education) as the program from which the student is excused. There shall be no loss of class credit or credit toward graduation from such an exemption.

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The superintendent shall establish a process for evaluating and updating the HIV prevention education program to incorporate new information. Any such revisions shall be implemented after consultation with and review by an advisory committee as described above.

The board shall ensure compliance with all requirements of state and federal law concerning the content of the curriculum and distribution of materials.

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Key Words

AIDS, HIV Prevention Education

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1 District to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study  
N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.7 Parents statement of conflict with conscience  
N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.19 AIDS Prevention Act of 1999 through-4.22  
N.J.S.A. 26:5c-1 et seq. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1(d) Curriculum and instruction  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a)7 Health services policy and procedural requirements  
N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1 et seq. Participation and Attendance at School by Individuals with HIV Infection  
N.J.A.C. 12:100-4.2 Safety and Health Standards for Public Employees (Adoption by reference)

29 CFR 19910.1030 - Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

S. T. v. Board of Education of the City of Millville, 1986 S.L.D. (December 24), aff'd St. Bd.

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*1220 Ad hoc advisory committees  
 \*4131/4131.1 Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences  
 \*5124 Reporting to parents/guardians  
 \*5131.6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)  
 \*5141 Health  
 \*5141.2 Illness  
 \*5145.4 Equal educational opportunity  
 \*6122 Articulation

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\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.