

AIDS/HIV INSTRUCTION

In compliance with the regulations of the commissioner of Education, the Bethlehem Central School District (the District) will provide classroom instruction concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as part of a sequential and comprehensive health program for all students, K-12. Instruction must be offered during regularly scheduled classes. Such instruction will be age-appropriate, and include the following information:

1. the nature of the disease;
2. methods of transmission of the disease; and
3. methods of prevention of the disease (stressing abstinence as the most effective and appropriate protection against AIDS/HIV).

A student may be excused from that segment of AIDS/HIV instruction regarding methods of prevention of the disease if his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) files a request with the building principal. The request must give assurance that such instruction will be given at home.

Ref: Education Law §3204(5)
8 NYCRR §§16.2; 135.3
Ware v. Valley Stream High School District, 75 NY2d 114 (1989)
New York State School Boards Association v. Sobol, 168 AD2d 188 (1991)
Matter of Ware, 28 EDR 415 (1989)

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