

Walla Walla Public Schools

BOARD POLICY

Policy No. 2126

AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION

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 curricula and materials used in the AIDS education program may be the model curricula and resources available through SPI or, if developed by the school district, be approved for medical accuracy by the office on AIDS.

At least one month before teaching AIDS prevention education in any classroom the district will conduct, during convenient hours for the parents and guardians of students, at least one presentation concerning the curricula and materials that will be used for such education. The parents and guardians shall be notified of the presentation. The curricula and materials shall be available for inspection. No student may be required to participate in AIDS prevention education if the student's parent or guardian, having attended one of the district presentations, objects in writing to participation.

The curriculum for AIDS prevention education shall be designed to teach students which behaviors place a person dangerously at risk of infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and methods to avoid such risk including, at least:

- the dangers of drug abuse, especially that involving the use of hypodermic needles; and
- the dangers of sexual intercourse, with or without condoms.

Cross References: Board Policy 3414 Infectious Diseases
2125 Sexual Health Education

Legal References: RCW 28A.230.070 AIDS Education in public schools

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