



Policy 0602-40

Health Education

7 General Policy

- ⁹ It shall be the goal of West Ada School District to strive to meet the needs of students by providing instruction in the area of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education, while not infringing upon the individual beliefs of the students and parents.

11 Teacher Directed Instruction & Parent Consent

- ¹³ In the area of teacher directed instruction, it shall be school district policy to adhere to the following:
- ¹⁵ • Through the course description book, parents will be informed in advance of topics to be presented regarding: HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education. (e.g.: Health Education classes, units in Biology, Sociology, Personal Safety, etc.)
 - ¹⁶ • Offer parents an opportunity to preview materials and films at a minimum of two weeks prior to instruction. This could be in the form of a parent preview meeting, online preview access, or a central location at the building level where materials would be available for review.
 - ¹⁷ • At the middle school level, parents will sign a form during registration that gives their child permission to participate in a particular health class based on the course description.
 - ¹⁸ • A district Opt-Out letter will be available during the parent preview and online for the following areas of instruction: HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education.
 - ¹⁹ • The district will offer two levels of health instruction at the middle school level. These levels will be Philosophy 1 (P1) and Philosophy 2 (P2). (See district curriculum documents for specific details). At our smaller schools, where the schedule does not permit two levels, the schools will continue to provide the opportunity to opt-out of the following areas of instruction: HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education.
 - ²⁰ • Instruction will include current adoption practices and resources in the United States, including Idaho, and information pertaining to the Idaho Safe Haven Act.

- ²² All planned instruction in the area of Health Education will be approved by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation by the curriculum department.

24 Student Initiated Discussions

- ²⁶ In the areas of current events, student questions or student presented topics where it is difficult to give advance notice to parents, it shall be school district policy to:
- ²⁸ • Have the teacher make only brief statements in answering questions or discussion of a student report, and encourage students to discuss these topics at home with their parents.