



HIV/AIDS CURRICULUM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Oregon Department of Education and Springfield School District believe that public schools have an important role in educating students with current, factual information about HIV/AIDS. In accordance with this belief and Oregon Administrative Rules [581-22-1440], each school in Springfield provides instruction about HIV/AIDS at various times throughout the year.

An age-appropriate plan of instruction has been developed as part of the health curriculum for elementary, middle and high school students. The plan of instruction includes the following:

- Information about the disease and how it is transmitted. This information is designed to allay those fears about HIV that are scientifically groundless;
- hygienic practices that reduce the risk of exposure to HIV, Hepatitis B and other infectious diseases;
- an emphasis on sexual abstinence for youth and monogamous relationships for adults as the safest and most responsible sexual behaviors;
- information about responsible sexual behavior that may reduce or eliminate exposure to HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases; and
- information about the high risks of contracting HIV, Hepatitis B and other infectious diseases thorough the sharing of intravenous drug needles or syringes.

Oregon law and Springfield policies allow parents to preview the curriculum materials that will be used in the classroom program. Parents also have the right to have students excused from all or any part of this instructional program. Parents should contact their child's school for more information about when formal HIV/AIDS instruction will take place, review of the curriculum materials or to have a student excused from the instructional unit.

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TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

The federal No Child Left Behind law allows parents the opportunity to know the qualifications of their children's teachers and paraprofessionals. As the parent of a Springfield student, you have the right to request the qualifications of your child's teacher (including degrees and licenses held by the teacher). You also have the right to request the qualifications of any paraprofessionals who work with your child(ren) in school.

If you wish to know these qualifications, your request must be made in writing and given to the school principal.

PARENT REVIEW OF MATERIALS

As stated in Springfield School District policy and in federal No Child Left Behind statutes, parents have the right to:

1. Review any instructional material used by the district as part of the educational curriculum for students;
2. Review any instrument used in the collection of personal information from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose;
3. Review any survey by a third party;
4. Review any district survey if the survey items include responses concerning politically affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's family; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent; and income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program. A parent may request that their student be excused from participation in a survey, which contains responses in these areas.

Any request for review of these materials should be made in writing to the school principal.

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