

Series 4000 Students

Section 4400 Student Health Services

Policy 4408 AIDS Education

4408.1 Purpose

It is the philosophy of the Harrison County Board of Education, in compliance with the West Virginia Legislature and the West Virginia Department of Education, that this policy assures that all schools will teach the subject of health education, including instruction in any of the grades six through twelve, the prevention, transmission and spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and other sexually transmitted diseases.

4408.2 Application

The Harrison County Schools will incorporate into current programs of study AIDS prevention education. These programs will be based upon the West Virginia Office of Healthy Schools guidelines. AIDS education shall be inserted into programs of study such as health, science, developmental guidance and social studies at appropriate grade levels.

4408.3 Requirement

4408.3.1 It is required that all high school students who have completed the health and science courses required for graduation receive appropriate AIDS prevention education to assure total understanding of the disease and its consequences. An opportunity shall be afforded to the parent or guardian of a child subject to instruction in the prevention, transmission and spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and other sexually transmitted diseases to examine the course curriculum requirements and materials to be used in the instruction. Parents who wish to exempt their child from AIDS instruction may do so by giving written notice to their school principal.

4408.3.2 School staff shall have the opportunity to receive inservice training on the nature of the AIDS epidemic and means of controlling its spread, and the role of the school in providing education to prevent transmission. All educational personnel responsible for classroom instruction shall receive staff development that will enable them to implement effective AIDS prevention education programs. Schools shall encourage the attendance of parents at these inservice training programs. This notification will be in written form.

Adopted by the Harrison County Board of Education

Effective Date: May 3, 2011