

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: AIDS

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<p>1. Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">203.1. AIDS</p> <p>The Superintendent shall be responsible for the handling of all cases of AIDS and s/he shall make sure that all cases are handled with dispatch, consistency, and confidentiality. Each case shall be an individual matter.</p> <p>Any student reliably reported as having AIDS shall be excluded from school until a case review is completed.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall be responsible for the establishment and chairing of a review committee for the case to consist of: student's physician, parent or guardian, public health official, principal, teacher, nurse, guidance counselor, and school doctor, and any other appropriate school personnel.</p> <p>The review shall examine all pertinent facts in light of the risks to the infected student and to others in the school.</p> <p>The review committee shall determine the appropriate educational program.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to see that appropriate alternate education is provided for all students excluded from school. Such alternate education provided shall be consistent with and as required by law, Board Policy and custom applicable to other illnesses and injury.</p>
<p>2. Health Education</p>	<p>A planned program of health education shall be taught to each student as a part of the instructional program at the elementary, middle, and/or junior high and senior high levels.</p> <p>Such program shall include preventive education in current health problem areas and shall be designed to help every child to acquire good health habits and understand the need for maintaining physical and emotional well-being.</p>

The District shall provide instruction about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and related issues to its students once in the elementary grades, once in junior high school grades, and once in the senior high school grades. This instruction shall be included in the curriculum in the Health course.

Each program of instruction shall include, but need not be limited to, information about the nature of the disease, the lack of a cure, the ways the disease is transmitted, and how infection can be prevented. Instruction will be omitted in the elementary grades on the transmission of the disease by sexual activity. At the high school level, transmission of AIDS through sexual activity shall stress that abstinence from sexual activity is the only completely reliable means of preventing the sexual transmission of AIDS.

The Superintendent shall excuse students from instructions in AIDS when this instruction conflicts with the religious beliefs or moral principles of the parent(s), guardian(s), or of the student. Such excuses will require written requests. Curricular materials, where practical, shall be made available for home instruction use by the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a student excused from the District's program of instruction about AIDS.