

Sherman County S. D.

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AIDS, (HIV+, and Hepatitis B) Health Education**

The Board wants the schools to play an important role in reducing the fears about AIDS¹ by educating students with current, factual information about the disease, i.e., how it attacks the body system and how it is (and is not) transmitted. AIDS is a deadly disease; there is no known cure or remedy. Until a cure is found, the Board believes the best course of action is to attempt to contain or to reduce the spread of the disease by creating an informed public; one that is aware of the physiological and psychological aspects of the disease.

A curriculum shall be developed cooperatively by parents, teachers, administration, local health department staff and others.

The curriculum shall present current, accurate information to help students learn infection control for preventing the spread of the AIDS-causing virus and to assist them in making decisions about protecting their health and the health of others. The curriculum shall stress the value of abstinence. Information about HIV⁺ and Hepatitis B infections shall be included in the curriculum.

The Board shall adopt the curriculum.

The age-appropriate curriculum shall be taught annually in grades K-12.

The district shall develop procedures for parent notification, exemption and alternative credit.

Parents of minor students shall be notified in advance that the material regarding AIDS/HIV/Hepatitis B will be taught. Any parent may request his/her student be excused from the class under the provisions set forth in Oregon Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 336.035 \(2\)](#)
[ORS 336.455 - 336.475](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)
[OAR 581-022-1440](#)

[OAR 581-022-1910](#)

Cross Reference(s):

IGAI - Human Sexuality Education
IGBHD - Program Exemptions

¹AIDS - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus