

A.I.D.S. INSTRUCTION

In compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Berlin Central School District Board of Education establishes that the District shall provide classroom instruction concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) as part of a sequential and comprehensive health program for all students, K-12. Instruction shall be offered during regularly scheduled classes. Such instruction shall be age-appropriate, and shall include the following information:

1. the nature of the disease;
2. methods of transmitting the disease; and
3. methods of preventing the disease (stressing abstinence as the most effective an appropriate protection against AIDS).

A student may be excused from that segment of AIDS instruction regarding methods of preventing the disease if that student's parent or guardian files a request to that effect with the Superintendent of Schools. The request shall give assurance that such instruction will be given at home.

The Board shall establish and as necessary consult with an advisory council which shall be responsible for making recommendations about the content, implementation, and evaluation of the AIDS instructional program. The advisory council must consist of members of the Board of Education, appropriate school personnel, parents, and community representatives, among whom there shall be representatives from religious organizations.

Once the program has been approved by the Board of Education and implemented, any changes to the program, not otherwise mandated by law or regulation, must be submitted to the Board of Education for review and approval prior to implementation. The Superintendent shall advise the Board of Education of changes in law or regulation that require changes in such program.

References

Education Law Sec. 3204(5)

8 NYCRR 16.2,135.3

Ware v. Valley Stream High School Dist., 75 NY2d 114 (1989)

N.Y.S. School Bds. Ass'n v. Sobol, 570 NYS2d 716 (AD 3d 1991)

Matter ofWare, 28 EDR415 (1989)