

AUTO IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROM (AIDS) EDUCATION

- 1.0 The Monroe county Board of Education will enforce and adhere to the West Virginia Codes 18-2-5, 18-2-7, 18-5-15d, 18-5-34 for AIDS education. The purpose of this policy is to assist in the protection of students by providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to avoid behaviors that will put them at risk of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The rapid spread of this disease makes it necessary to develop policy that will assure that effective AIDS prevention programs are in place.
 - 1.1 The curriculum on AIDS prevention education will be integrated into the current programs of study such as health, science, developmental guidance and social studies at all appropriate grade levels.
 - 1.2 All school staff will be provided in-service training about the nature of AIDS epidemic and means of controlling its spread. The in-service training will include the role of the school in providing education to prevent transmission of the HIV virus.
 - 1.3 The education personnel responsible for classroom instruction will receive staff development that will enable them to implement effective AIDS prevention education programs in their appropriate classrooms. These programs will be taught by qualified professionals who have ben periodically updated with valid, current information related to AIDS education. The AIDS education will effectively deal with behaviors and necessary skills an individual will need to prevent exposure to the HIV virus.
 - 1.4 High school students who have completed the health and science course requirements for graduation will have the opportunity to receive appropriate AIDS prevention education prior to graduation.
 - 1.5 Parents or guardians may attend staff development programs on AIDS being offered by the Monroe County Board of Education. Notification of such programs will be in keeping with established board policy by advertising in the county newspaper.
 - 1.6 The curricular materials for AIDS instruction may be examined by the parent or guardian after it has been submitted and approved by the West Virginia Department of Education prior to July 1, 1989. Any parent or guardian may exempt their child from AIDS instruction by giving written notice to the principal or their respective school.