

**Policy 2335: Health Enhancement**

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Health Enhancement

Health, family life, and sex education, including information about parts of the body, reproduction, and related topics, will be included in the instructional program as appropriate to grade level and course of study. An instructional approach will be developed after consultation with parents and other community representatives. Parents and guardians may ask to review materials to be used and may request that their child be excluded from human sexuality education or instruction class sessions without prejudice in accordance with Policy 3120. The District will notify parents and guardians 48 hours prior to any event, assembly, or introduction of materials for instructional use on the topic of human sexuality. Notification of parent or guardian rights under this policy will be issued on an annual basis.

For purposes of this Policy, "human sexuality education or instruction" means teaching or otherwise providing information about human sexuality, including intimate relationships, human sexual anatomy, sexual reproduction, sexually transmitted infections, sexual acts, sexual orientation, gender identity, abstinence, contraception, or reproductive rights and responsibilities.

AIDS Education and Prevention

The Board believes HIV/AIDS and other STD/STI instruction is most effective when integrated into a comprehensive health education program. Instruction must be appropriate to grade level and development of students and must occur in a systematic manner. The Board particularly desires that students receive proper education about HIV and other STD/STI's, before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting the disease.

In order for education about HIV and other STD/STI's to be most effective, the Superintendent will require that faculty members who present this instruction receive continuing in-service training which includes appropriate teaching strategies and techniques. Other staff members not involved in direct instruction, but who have contact with students, will receive basic information about HIV/AIDS and other STD/STI's and instruction in use of universal precautions when dealing with body fluids. In accordance with Board policy, parents will have an opportunity to review the HIV/STD/STI education program, before it is presented to students.

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**Montana Code Annotated References**

20-5-103

**Description**

Compulsory Attendance and Excuses

20-7-120

Excused Absences from Curriculum Requirements

50-16-1001

AIDS Prevention Act

**Cross References**

2132

**Description**

[Student and Family Privacy Rights](#)

2158

[Parent and Family Engagement and Educational Involvement](#)

3120

[Compulsory Attendance](#)