

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

- I. **OVERVIEW:** The Wallingford Board of Education believes that the school system has a responsibility to educate students about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The Board agrees that the prevention of AIDS in the form of education is the best defense against the disease. Therefore, it is the policy of the Wallingford Board of Education to provide instruction about AIDS and related issues that are developmentally appropriate to students from kindergarten to grade 12.
- II. **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** The overall goals of the program shall be to provide appropriate information and prevent transmission of the disease. The objectives of the program are to enable the students to:
1. Know that AIDS is a virus that is transmitted through body fluids;
 2. Know how AIDS affects the immune system;
 3. Know that AIDS may be caused by participating in certain risky behaviors;
 4. Learn decision making and refusal skills necessary to prevent contracting the disease;
 5. Know where to obtain information about AIDS; and
 6. Understand that a healthy life-style provides protection against the virus.
- III. **EXEMPTIONS:** The parent or guardian of a minor student who objects to the student's participation in the AIDS curriculum may request that the student be exempted from the instruction.
- A. Elementary and Middle School:** The request must be made on the district parental permission form.
- B. High School:** The parent or guardian must make such request in writing to the building principal.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
10-19(b). Teaching about alcohol, nicotine, or tobacco, drugs and
acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

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