

HEALTH EDUCATION

The Board of Education is committed to a sound comprehensive health education program as an integral part of each student's basic education. Health education shall be accomplished by the incorporation into the subject matter of other courses as well as through health classes. State requirements for time and topic will be met in the district's health education curriculum which is designed to accomplish three basic aims:

1. to develop wholesome health skills and practices;
2. to encourage sound attitudes towards good health; and
3. to acquire up-to-date and scientific health knowledge.

The health education program shall emphasize a contemporary approach to the presentation of health information, skills, and knowledge necessary for students to understand and appreciate the functioning and proper care of the human body. In addition, students will be presented with information regarding complex social, physical, and mental health problems which he/she will encounter in society. Health education shall examine the potential health hazards of social, physical and mental problems which exist in the school-community environment.

In recognition of certain religious tenets, the Board of Education, subject to the regulations of the state Board of Regents, shall excuse a student from required study of Health and Hygiene if such study is found to conflict with the religion of his/her parent(s).

Such conflict must be certified by a proper representative of his/her religion.

Ref: Education Law §§804; 804-a
8 NYCRR §§16.2; 135.3; 135.6

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