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Cancer

instruction includes methods of prevention and detection of certain cancers. Education Law Article 17 §804 (5) requires that this includes but is not limited to breast cancer, skin cancer, testicular cancer, and other cancers where certain preventive measures have become generally accepted, and certain detection methods have been adopted and recommended generally to the public. Such instruction shall be an integral part of a required health education course at the senior high school level, in addition to continued health guidance in senior high schools. Any such course shall be taught by teachers holding a certificate to teach health.

HIV/AIDS

Commissioner's regulation §135.3 requires school districts to provide health education instruction in grades K-12 that includes developmentally appropriate instruction in HIV/AIDS concerning the nature of the disease, methods of transmission, and methods of prevention. HIV/AIDS prevention education begins with a supportive learning environment that enhances social and emotional learning and uses a comprehensive, coordinated school health Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSOC) Model approach. Consistent with the regulation, individual school district HIV/AIDS prevention efforts are locally determined and should be consistent with community values. It is imperative that young people hear a consistent message about the importance of making sexually healthy decisions and that abstinence is the most effective prevention strategy regarding HIV/AIDS and STI prevention.

Note: No pupil shall be required to receive instruction concerning the methods of prevention of AIDS if the parent or legal guardian of such pupil has filed with the principal of the school which the pupil attends a written request th,

Legislation and Regulations Related to School Health

HIV/AIDS Advisory Council [NYS Education Commissioner's Regulation (8 NYCRR) 135.3 (b)(2) and (c)(2)(i)] In public schools, the board of education shall establish an advisory council which shall be responsible

NYS Laws and NYSED Commissioner's Regulations Related to School Health Education JHSrefers to Junior High School and SHSrefers to Senior High School

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Law/Regulation	Instructional Content	Grades/Level
<u>EDN Law 801-A</u>	Instruction in civility, citizenship and character education; tolerance, respect for others, dignity instruction that increases awareness and sensitivity to bullying, harassment, and/or discrimination in the relations of people of different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, genders, and sexes. Such component shall include instruction of <u>safe, responsible use of the internet</u> and electronic communications.	K-12
EDN Law 803-A	Instruction in the prevention of child abduction.	K-8
EDN Law 803-B	Instruction in the prevention of child sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse.	K-8
<u>8 NYCRR 100.2 (j)</u> (1)(i)	Instruction in avoidance of child sexual abuse as part of counseling/guidance programs, in the coordination of teaching staff.	K-6
<u>EDN Law 804</u>	Instruction in mental health, alcohol, drugs, tobacco abuse, and other drugs that must include but is not limited to heroin and opioids and the prevention and detection of certain cancers. < Instruction in mental health.	
	 Instruction in driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Instruction to prevent/detect certain cancers (including breast, testicular, skin). 	
	 Instruction to develop skills to recognize, cope, address potential violence. 	

New York State School Health Education Requirements Summary

(c) Health education in secondary schools.

(1) The secondary school curriculum shall include health education as a constant for all pupils. In addition to continued health guidance in the junior high school grades, provision shall also be made for a separate one-half-year course. In addition to continued health guidance in the senior high school, provision shall also be made for an approved one-half unit course. Health education shall be required for all pupils in the junior and senior high school grades and shall be taught by teachers holding a certificate to teach health. A member of each faculty with approved preparation shall be designated as health coordinator in order that the entire faculty may cooperate in realizing the potential health