



## Enid Public Schools

### HIV/AIDS EDUCATION

Our nation is facing the most devastating health crisis of this century- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). AIDS is fatal. AIDS is irreversible. Prevention is the only hope. There is a growing alarm about the threat AIDS poses to our nation's youth. Infection with the AIDS virus continues to be a leading cause of death among persons ages 25-44. Since the incubation period of this disease is up to 10 years, many of those who currently have the disease probably contracted the virus during their teenage years.

Education that gives correct information about HIV/AIDS and teaches our students to make healthy choices about their behaviors are the keys to fighting this serious epidemic. Such curriculum, material, class, program, test, survey, or questionnaire shall include information about consent and shall have as one of its primary purposes the teaching of or informing students about the practice of abstinence.

Oklahoma law requires that HIV/AIDS education be taught in all public schools once in Middle school and once in Senior high. The Enid Public School staff will be presenting education on HIV/AIDS to students in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades.

The law requires that parents be given the opportunity to preview the materials prior to it being presented to the students. **If you would like to review the HIV/AIDS material that will be presented, you may do so by contacting Health Services at 580-366-7051, and arrangements can be made for a time/date for viewing of the material, and a school nurse will answer any questions that parents may have, at that time.**

The law also requires that parents who **do not** want their child to attend the HIV/AIDS education must submit in writing a request for non-participation. The Middle School and High School handbooks inform parents that the letter for non-participation must be received prior to scheduled classes.

#### **Objectives of Course:**

- To define HIV/AIDS, how HIV is transmitted, who is at risk and how HIV/AIDS is prevented.
- To understand pressures to engage in risky behavior by peers and the media
- To understand the consequences of engaging in risky behavior
- To understand the impact of alcohol and drugs on decision-making abilities
- To learn assertive techniques for remaining abstinent

#### **Audience:**

Boys and girls one hour session that may be taught in a science class or large group, at the discretion of the principal or nurse.

**Teaching materials: Human Relations Media video and/or Oklahoma State Department powerpoint**



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each Middle School/High School will be presenting the HIV/AIDS Oklahoma State required class to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders/10<sup>th</sup> graders this semester.

If you wish to view the presentation video, power point and materials, please call 580-366-7051 to schedule an appointment with the school nurse.

If you **do not** wish your child to participate in the HIV/AIDS class, please return the portion below to your student's school. Your child will confidentially be assigned to coursework outside of class during this segment of the day.

Sincerely,

Lana Cunningham, RN, BSN  
Enid Public Schools Nurse  
580-366-7051

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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I **DO NOT WANT** my child to participate in the HIV/AIDS class.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name Print \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_