Biology HIV/AIDS Curriculum Overview

Objectives:
• Distinguish between HIV and AIDS. They will recognize that HIV is a virus and AIDS is a syndrome (a group of opportunistic infections) caused by the virus targeting the immune system.
• Understand which behaviors can and cannot increase the risk of HIV infection.
• Determine various HIV testing options.
• Recognize that early testing, diagnosis and treatment of HIV can improve and extend a person’s life
• Identify resources where students can get additional information about HIV/AIDS.

Activities:
Day One:
• Rules/Guidelines
  o Ground rules are established to provide guidance and establish a safe place to discuss and ask questions.
• HIV/AIDS Pre-test
  o The pre-test consists of a series of questions to allow students to assess their knowledge of how HIV is transmitted prior to instruction.
• Video: AIDS Update: The Latest Facts About HIV and AIDS.

Day Two:
• Envelope Activity
  o This activity models the transmission of HIV. Discussion emphasizes that you cannot tell by looking who is infected with HIV and having unprotected sex with someone who has had sex with someone infected by HIV puts you at risk of contracting the virus.
• Red Light, Yellow Light, Green Light Activity
  o Students use Red (not safe), Yellow (possibly dangerous), and Green (safe) response paddles to review body fluid/body opening combinations that might put people at risk for HIV infection.
• HIV/AIDS Post-test
  o The post-test consists of the same series of questions as the pre-test. This allows students to assess their knowledge of how HIV is transmitted after instruction.

Question Box: Each day students have the opportunity to submit questions anonymously. Teachers screen the questions and answer them scientifically. Moral/Opinion questions will be referred to parent/guardian or trusted adult. Questions that appear to be asked for shock value will not be addressed (teacher discretion).

For a complete inspection of curriculum materials parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the HIV/AIDS Education Information Night.

Parents/Guardians who do not want their student to participate in the district's Sex Education program must submit written notice, signed and dated by the parent, to the appropriate Middle School or High School principal. Students who are not participating in the district’s program will be provided an alternative assignment.