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The Health Program shall present information, skills and knowledge necessary for students to understand and appreciate the functioning and proper care of the human body. Health education shall examine the potential hazards of social and physical problems in an effort to help students make intelligent, viable choices on alternatives of serious personal consequence.

The Board believes that an opportunity for effective health education lies within the public schools because of the opportunity to reach almost all children at an age where positive, lifelong health habits may be engendered because of the availability of qualified personnel to conduct health education programs. The Board is, therefore, committed to a sound comprehensive Health Program as an integral part of each student's general education.

The Board also recognizes the rights and responsibilities of parents related to health education in general and specifically with regard to instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and family life education. Therefore, in accordance with state statute, students will be exempt from instruction on these topics upon written request of the parent or guardian.

**Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-16b, 10-16e, 10-19

Public Act 14-196, An Act Concerning a State-Wide Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness Program

Public Act 15-94, An Act Concerning the Inclusion of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training, the Safe Use of Social Media and Computer Programming in the Public School Curriculum

Public Act 16-188, An Act Concerning Education Issues

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