

**AIDS CURRICULUM
SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS**

Date:

Dear Parent(s):

In compliance with Florida Law, F.S.233.067 and 233.0672, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has developed "AIDS: Get the Facet!", a curriculum on AIDS for students. The curriculum is designed to address the developmental needs of kindergarten through twelfth grade students in respect to AIDS.

In kindergarten through fourth grade, the sexual mode of HIV transmission is introduced, and abstinence is stressed as the only certain way to prevent sexual transmission of HIV. At this grade level, the AIDS curriculum is taught after the health unit on Human Growth and Development, and the information on sexuality does not go beyond that which is presented in the health class.

In the sixth through twelfth grade, medical information regarding HIV transmission and prevention is taught according to the maturity level of students. In addition, discussion topics are provided to assist students to understand the impact of AIDS upon society.

The role of parents is paramount in the education of children. The HIV/AIDS curriculum is intended to complement parents teaching, not to supplant it. Therefore, parents are encouraged to discuss HIV/AIDS issues with their children.

Please be advised that the AIDS curriculum is available for review at your child's school. If you do not want your child to participate in the curriculum, you may exclude your child by sending a letter to the principal. In this event, an alternate educational activity will be provided.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Principal