

Students

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)/Exemption

Currently there is no cure for those infected with AIDS, but the Board endorses education as the best way to prevent the spread of AIDS. By learning the facts about AIDS, students will hopefully be able to make decisions that will keep them healthy and perhaps save their lives.

Students will be exempt from instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) upon written request of the parent or guardian in accordance with State and local regulations. (See attached form)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-19b AIDS education.
 10-76(d)(15) Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services.
 10-154a Professional communications between teacher or nurse and student.
 10-207 Duties of medical advisors.
 10-209 Records not to be public.
 10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian.
 19a-221 Quarantine of certain persons.
 19a-581-585 AIDS testing and medical information.
 "Education for Children with Disabilities," 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq.
 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 706(7)(b)
 Americans with Disabilities Act.
 The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 45 C.F. R. 99.
 20 U.S.C. 7906, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Date: _____

Dear Parents:

The Putnam Board of Education has a policy that offers our students instruction relative to a number of infectious diseases, including systematic instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). These educational experiences are offered as part of programs, e.g. health at the high school and the middle school, and "positive action" at the elementary school.

Board policy further states that students will be exempt from instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) upon written request of the parent or guardian in accordance, with State and local regulations.

If you wish to have your child exempted from instruction on AIDS, please complete the form below and return it to the Building Principal as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Principal: Elementary School 860-963-6925, Middle School 860-963-6920, High School 860-963-6905.

Thank you.

(UNLESS YOU RETURN THIS FORM SIGNED, YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES.)

AIDS EXEMPTION FORM

I DO NOT WISH TO HAVE MY SON/DAUGHTER, _____
Student's Name

GRADE _____ PARTICIPATE IN THE AIDS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____

SCHOOL _____

DATE _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S BUILDING
PRINCIPAL**