

1 West Ada School District, Meridian

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3 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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5 Series 600

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7 Policy Title Health Education

Code No. 602.40

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9 GENERAL POLICY:

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11 It shall be the goal of West Ada School District to strive to meet the needs of students by providing  
12 instruction in the area of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education, while not  
13 infringing upon the individual beliefs of the students and parents.

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15 **Teacher Directed Instruction & Parent Consent:**

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17 In the area of teacher directed instruction, it shall be school district policy to adhere to the following:

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19 A. Through the course description book, parents will be informed in advance of topics to be  
20 presented regarding: HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education. (e.g.:  
21 Health Education classes, units in Biology, Sociology, Personal Safety, etc.)  
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23 B. Offer parents an opportunity to preview materials and films at the beginning of each  
24 semester. This could be in the form of a parent preview meeting and/or a central location at  
25 the building level where materials would be available for preview.  
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27 C. At the middle school level, parents will sign a form during registration that gives their child  
28 permission to participate in a particular health class based on the course description.  
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30 D. A district Opt-Out letter will be available during the parent preview and online for the  
31 following areas of instruction: HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education.  
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33 E. The district will offer two levels of health instruction at the middle school level. These levels  
34 will be Philosophy 1 (P1) and Philosophy 2 (P2). (See district curriculum documents for  
35 specific details). At our smaller schools, where the schedule does not permit two levels, the  
36 schools will continue to provide the opportunity to opt-out of the following areas of  
37 instruction: HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infection and sex education.  
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39 All planned instruction in the area of Health Education will be approved by the Board of Trustees  
40 upon recommendation by the curriculum department.

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42 **Student Initiated Discussions:**

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44 In the areas of current events, student questions or student presented topics where it is difficult to  
45 give advance notice to parents, it shall be school district policy to:

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47 A. Have the teacher make only brief statements in answering questions or discussion of a  
48 student report, and encourage students to discuss these topics at home with their parents.  
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