

EDUCATION: PROGRAMS

Policy 514.2-G (previously 604.1-G)

Health Guidance

(1st to 8th Year of the Educational Program Health Hygiene)

The following special guidelines are to be reviewed annually by the Board of Education (Richmond):

1. For the 1st to the 8th year of the educational program Health Hygiene consists of district developed units and may be offered by schools.
2. The Health Hygiene units will be developed under the direction of a senior administrator appointed by the Superintendent of Schools. Feedback will be sought from the school principals, teachers, and parents.
3. Parents, before they elect to have their child enrolled in a Health Hygiene unit pertaining to "Physical Growth and Development" and "Smoking, Alcohol and Drug Education", must:
 - a) be informed by letter concerning the topics included in the unit;
 - b) have an opportunity to review all lessons and resource materials;
 - c) sign a permission slip requesting that their son or daughter enrol in the programme.
4. Students whose parents want them excluded from the unit must be separated from those who do attend and be provided with useful activities for that period.
5. Presentation of information (3b above) to parents of students will be made by the principal and/or teacher(s).
6. Whenever class discussions follow a unit presentation:
 - a) staff must recognize the diversity of parental value systems by referring questions considered to be in the realm of values or morals to parents wherever possible;
 - b) staff must provide for appropriate follow-up to questions indicative of personal problems through parental or other resources;
 - c) parents should be informed of the unit's presentation so that the family may continue discussion if desired.
7. Contents and resource materials used in Units E and F will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.