

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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**Responsible Office:** DIVISION OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

### HEALTH EDUCATION

#### A. PURPOSE

To provide a comprehensive program of health education for grades K-12 in accordance with State law and regulations.

#### B. ISSUE

In accordance with State law and regulations, school systems are required to provide a comprehensive health education instructional program in public schools for grades K-12. Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) further recognizes that health education is an important component of the Coordinated School Health Program, Policy AE - Wellness and the School Health Council to advise and support health education.

#### C. POSITION

1. Health education requirements for AACPS students shall be administered in accordance with State law and regulations. Accordingly, the following comprehensive health education instructional programs shall be required in public schools for grades K-12 to align with Maryland College and Career Readiness standards:
  - a. For grades K-8, AACPS shall provide a comprehensive health education curriculum.
  - b. For grades 9-12, AACPS shall offer a comprehensive health education curriculum that enables students to meet graduation requirements and select health education electives.
  - c. AACPS shall provide the appropriate professional development to adequately train staff in accordance with the requirements set forth in State law and regulations.
2. The comprehensive health education curriculum shall provide for the diversity of student needs, abilities, and interests at the early, middle, and high school learning years.

3. Every 5 years, the Superintendent shall certify to the State Superintendent of Schools that the comprehensive health education curriculum meets, at a minimum, the requirements set forth in the Code of Maryland Regulations.

**D. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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