

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: AE, AE-RA, IE, IE-RA, IFG-RA, KBB, KBB-RA

Responsible Office: OFFICE OF ACADEMICS, DIVISION OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENTS

HEALTH EDUCATION

A. PURPOSE

To provide a comprehensive program of health education for grades Kindergarten through 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 Kindergarten through 12. Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) further recognizes that health education is an important component of the Coordinated School Health Program, Board of Education of Anne Arundel County Policy AE – Wellness, Administrative Regulation AE-RA – 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 Kindergarten through 12 to align with Maryland College and Career Readiness standards:
 - a. For grades Kindergarten through 8, AACPS shall provide a comprehensive health education curriculum.
 - b. For grades 9 through 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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Legal References: Section 7-401 of the Education Article, COMAR 13A.04.18.02