

Organ/Tissue Blood Donor Transplantation Programs

Dear Principal,

School code requires the regional office to send out material about organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs (see school code citation at the end of this email).

The links below contain information of these programs. Please use as needed/desired.

Organ & tissue donation in the classroom (Secretary of State):

<http://lifegoeson.com/teachers.html>

Blood donation (America's Blood Centers):

<http://www.americasblood.org/go.cfm>

Organ and Blood Donation (American Red Cross):

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Organ and tissue donation (Gift of Hope):

<http://giftofhope.org/programs-outreach/high-school-program.htm>

(105 ILCS 5/27-23.5)

Sec. 27-23.5. Organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs. Each school district that maintains grades 9 and 10 may include in its curriculum and teach to the students of either such grade one unit of instruction on organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs. No student shall be required to take or participate in instruction on organ/tissue and blood donor and transplantation programs if a parent or guardian files written objection thereto on constitutional grounds, and refusal to take or participate in such instruction on those grounds shall not be reason for suspension or expulsion of a student or result in any academic penalty.

The regional superintendent of schools in which a school district that maintains grades 9 and 10 is located shall obtain and distribute to each school that maintains grades 9 and 10 in his or her district information and data, including instructional materials provided at no cost by America's Blood Centers, the American Red Cross, and Gift of Hope, that may be used by the school in developing a unit of instruction under this Section. However, each school board shall determine the minimum amount of instructional time that shall qualify as a unit of instruction satisfying the requirements of this Section.

(Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)

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