Elektra High School
Maui

Student population = 1200

- 48% Asian
- 20% Hawaiian or part-Hawaiian
- 19% Caucasian
- 10% Polynesian
- 3% Hispanic
Teen deaths in Hawaii

Rate of teen deaths by accident, homicide, and suicide (deaths per 100,000 teens ages 15-19)

Grieving teen concerns:

- Behavior changes
- Increased pressures
- Isolation
- Depression
- Death wish
- Anger
- Guilt
- Substance abuse
- Skipping school or dropping grades
- Acting out sexually

Helen Fitzgerald, Training Director, American Hospice Foundation
http://www.americanhospice.org/griefzone/articles/grievingteen.htm
End-of-Life Learning

- Curriculum unit planning
- School standards addressed
- Team members:
  - Counselors
  - Social Studies
  - Family & Consumer Science
  - English
  - Health
  - General science
Possible topics to study:

- Bereavement in youth
- Mortality statistics
- Prevention and intervention
- Assisted death for terminal illness: both sides of the issue
- Support organizations
End-of-Life Learning collection:

- Encyclopedia of death terms
- Medical, scientific information
- Cultural aspects; rituals
- Psychology of grief
- Death with dignity issues
BUDGET proposal

- 50 books @ $50 = $2500
- School will cover video purchases
Questions?

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