

## **SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION**

The Nooksack Valley School District No. 506 board of directors is authorized by law to determine whether sexual health education instruction will be offered in the district. The board has determined that such a program will be offered to students, consistent with state law.

Sexual health education instruction offered by the district shall be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, or sexual orientation and includes information about abstinence and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence will not be taught to the exclusion of other instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. The district's sexual health education program shall be consistent with the *2005 Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention* developed by the Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superintendent will provide parents/guardians an opportunity to review the materials to be used and provide information on excluding their child from sexual health education instruction.

Cross References: 2126 - HIV-AIDS Prevention Education  
2020 - Curriculum Development and Adoption  
of Instructional Materials

Legal References: RCW 28A.300.475 Medically accurate sexual  
health education — Curricula — Participation  
excused — Parental review  
RCW 28A.600.480(2) Reporting of  
harassment, intimidation, or bullying--  
Retaliation prohibited — Immunity  
WAC 392-410-140 Sexual health education —  
Definition — Optional course or subject matter  
— Excusal of students

Management Resources: 2009 - February Issue  
Policy News, August 2007 Sex Education  
Curriculum and Instruction

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