

RCSD Sex-related Education FAQ

1. What does SRE stand for?	SRE stands for Sex-related Education.
2. Why is RCSD implementing an SRE Program?	House Bill 999, passed in 2011, requires all Mississippi schools to implement an SRE program.
3. What type of SRE policy will RCSD implement?	RCSD will implement an abstinence only SRE policy.
4. Who determines what topics will be covered by the SRE policy?	House Bill 999 dictates what topics must be covered by an abstinence only SRE policy.
5. What grades will the RCSD SRE policy affect?	RCSD's SRE policy will be implemented in seventh and eighth grade classes across the district.
6. When and/or where will the SRE class take place?	The SRE class will occur during seventh or eighth grade physical education class.
7. Who will teach the class?	The SRE class will be taught by the school counselor assigned to the grade level being taught. The physical education teacher will also remain in the class during the SRE lesson.
8. Is the school counselor qualified to teach SRE?	Yes, they, along with the physical education teachers, will receive training on the curriculum being utilized.
9. What exactly will be taught in the class?	The class will be taught utilizing a state approved SRE curriculum. For more information please see the seventh and eighth grade SRE curriculum handouts.
10. What is the difference between SRE and Health?	A health class follows the state curriculum and covers a variety of topics. An SRE class follows a state approved curriculum that is age appropriate, sequential in its scope, and is medically accurate and meets the needs of the students of RCSD.
11. Will boys and girls attend the class together?	No, boys and girls will be separated by sex, as mandated by House Bill 999, during their SRE class.
12. Is my child required to attend SRE classes?	No, parents opt their children out of attending SRE classes. The children will not be penalized in any way for not attending.
13. Will parents be notified of SRE classes?	Yes, House Bill 999 dictates that the parents be notified and their permission obtained before the child attends the SRE class.
14. Where can I find out more information about the SRE curriculum being used by RCSD?	The counselors at each school are available to discuss the curriculum with parents. In addition, each school will have a copy of a book designed by the company to help parents understand what is being taught and the conversations that might arise because of the material being taught.

15. Will my child view a demonstration on how to apply contraceptive devices?	No, House Bill 999 specifically prohibits this from taking place.
16. Will my child be taught about abortion?	No, House Bill 999 specifically prohibits any effort to teach abortion as a means to prevent unwanted pregnancies or births.

For more information, go to: <http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/>

To view the state adopted curriculums: http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/HB999curriculumtemplate_003.docx