

## SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

In compliance with state law, the Ephrata School District will provide instruction in comprehensive sexual health education.

In grades K-3 instruction will be social and emotional learning that is consistent with the social and emotional standards and benchmarks adopted by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Comprehensive sexual health education instruction provided by the district to students in grades 4-12 will be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, and inclusive of students regardless of their protected class status under Chapter 49.60 RCW. Abstinence will not be taught to the exclusion of other instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. The district's comprehensive sexual health education program will be consistent with the *Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention* developed by the Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Health Education K-12 Learning Standards adopted by OSPI, and other provisions of RCW 28A.300.475.

Instructional materials will be chosen from a list provided by OSPI or will be identified or developed by the district and reviewed using comprehensive health education curriculum analysis tools provided by OSPI,

The superintendent will provide parents/guardians an opportunity to review the materials to be used, including or provided electronic access, will provide information on excluding their child from sexual health education instruction, and will grant all such requests.

The superintendent or their designee will annually identify to OSPI any curricula used to provide comprehensive sexual health education and how the provided classroom instruction aligns with legislative requirement.

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| Cross Reference:      | Board Policy 2020                              | Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials                              |
|                       | Board Policy 2126                              | AIDS Prevention Education   |
| Legal References:     | RCW 28A.300.475                                | Comprehensive sexual health education   |
|                       | RCW 28A.600.480(2)                             | Reporting of harassment, intimidation, or bullying<br>Retaliation prohibited — Immunity     |
|                       | WAC 392-410-140                                | Sex Health Education — Definition — Optional course or subject matter — Excusal of students |
| Management Resources: | 2021 – February Issue<br>2009 - February Issue | Policy News, August 2007 Sex Education Curriculum and Instruction                           |

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