

Board of Directors' Policy

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COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

Purpose

As required by state law and regulations of the State Board of Education, it is the intent of the Washington Central Unified Union School District to implement a program promoting lifelong sexual health. This includes comprehensive sexual health education and the provision of, or referrals to, age appropriate sexual health services. These activities create an effective sexually transmitted infections (STI), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and pregnancy prevention program. Research shows that well-designed, well-implemented school-based STI prevention programs can significantly reduce sexual risk behaviors among students. Outcomes of such programs include a delay in first sexual experience, a decrease in the number of sex partners, and an increase in condom or contraceptive use. There is no evidence that participation in such programs increases the likelihood of students engaging in sexual activity.

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the school district to establish goals for comprehensive sex education, sexual health services and other school based activities that are designed to promote improved student outcomes and reduce risky sexual behavior.

Implementation of Condom Availability

- A. As part of a comprehensive sexual health program, the school district shall make condoms available at U-32 Middle/High School grades 7-12 from school nurses, health educators and other personnel as deemed appropriate by administration.
- B. The district shall provide information about proper condom use that is inclusive of all students. This information shall be created or approved by the district's school health advisory committee or other appropriate school-community planning group.
- C. Barrier methods will be made available provided funding from community partners exists.

Parental Requests

Any pupil whose parent/guardian shall present to the school principal a signed statement that the teaching of sexual health education conflicts with the parents' religious convictions shall be exempt from such instruction, and no child so exempt shall be penalized by reason of that exemption. (V.S.A. 16 § 134).

Legal Reference(s): 16 V.S.A. § 906
16 V.S.A. § 131
16 V.S.A. § 134
18 V.S.A. § 4226