



SANGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Notice of Intent to Provide Human Sexuality Instruction

Dear Sanger ISD Families,

The State Board of Education updated the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to include the following areas of instruction: physical health and hygiene; mental health and wellness; healthy eating and physical activity; injury and violence prevention; alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; and reproductive and sexual health. This letter is to inform you of the district's intent to provide human sexuality instruction as part of the state health curriculum which is a required enrichment curriculum. Therefore, districts must offer health instruction that aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).

Following the passage of HB 1525 in the 87th regular legislative session and SB 9 in the second special session, parents or guardians must provide written consent in order for their children to be able to participate in instruction on human sexuality and the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Parents will be sent home an "opt-in" permission form at least 14 days prior to instruction.



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Sanger ISD believes that sex education begins at home. Parents or legal guardians are the primary educators of their children and can be the most

important influence on their health decisions. The lessons your child will receive in school are designed to reinforce what a parent or legal guardian is teaching at home, not to replace it.

We have chosen ESTEEM as the curriculum for sensitive topics within the Health TEKS. This teacher-led resource meets 100% of the Texas Essential Knowledge Skills (TEKS) for Health and is engaging and age-appropriate, and each lesson contains multiple moments for conversations and reflections. This year we will cover the following sensitive topics in grades sixth, seventh, and tenth during the window of February 7–March 10 that will require “opt-in” permission.

- **Lesson 3:** Puberty and human development
- **Lesson 4:** Physical and emotional consequences/benefits of waiting/Character counts
- **Lesson 5:** Legal consequences of cyberbullying/Sexting/Child Support/Family & criminal Law
- **Lesson 9:** Friendships/Gangs & Cliques/Dating standards/Breaking up/Abstinence/Abuse

Additional information may be found on our webpage, <http://rb.gy/mxll0>.



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We encourage you to continue discussing these health topics at home by asking questions, and sharing in conversations. We look forward to an exciting and rewarding year with you and your student!

In Partnership,

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