SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

I. Instruction

The Governing Board recognizes that the purpose of the district's sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction is to provide students a well-planned, integrated sequence of medically accurate and inclusive instruction on comprehensive sexual health and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention. The district's educational program shall provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect them from sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy and to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors. The district's educational program shall also promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development and the development of healthy attitudes and behaviors concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

A. The Superintendent or designee may appoint a coordinator and/or an advisory committee regarding the district's comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention curriculum. The advisory committee shall represent a divergence of viewpoints and may participate in planning, implementing, and evaluating the district's program.

B. Comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education shall be offered to all students at least once in elementary at grade 5 and once in junior high or middle school at grade 7. (Education Code 51934)

C. The district's curriculum shall be aligned with the state's content standards and support the purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act as specified in Education Code 51930-51939, be unbiased and inclusive of all students in the classroom, and be aligned with the state's content standards. The district shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values regarding human sexuality to their children.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

II. Parent/Guardian Consent

A. Annually, parents/guardians shall be notified, in the manner specified in the accompanying administrative regulation that they may request in writing that their child be excused from participating in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education. Students so excused by their parents/guardians shall be given an alternative educational activity. (Education Code 51240, 51938, 51939)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

B. A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive the instruction. (Education Code 51939)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220	Prohibition of discrimination
33544	Inclusion of sexual harassment and violence in health curriculum framework
48980	Notice at beginning of term
51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51210.8	Health education curriculum
51225.35	Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation
51240	Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs
51513	Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices
51930-51939	California Healthy Youth Act
67386	Student safety; affirmative consent standard

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1255.7	Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby