

Sexual Health Education

The Highland School District Board of Directors has determined that all students be provided instruction in comprehensive sexual health education, consistent with state law.

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 sexual 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 providing 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 requirements.

Cross References: 2126 - HIV-AIDS Prevention Education
 2020 - Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Legal References: RCW 28A.300.475 Comprehensive sexual health education
 RCW 28A.600.480(2) Reporting of harassment, intimidation, or bullying-- Retaliation prohibited — Immunity
 WAC 392-410-140 Sexual health education — Definition — Optional course or subject matter — Excusal of students

Management Resources: 2021 – February Issue
 2009 - February Issue
 Policy News, August 2007 Sex Education Curriculum and Instruction

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