Policy #2125

Sexual Health Education

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The Lind and Ritzville Boards of Directors are authorized by law to determine whether sexual health education instruction will be offered in the district. The boards have determined that such a program will be offered to students, consistent with state law.

Sexual health education instruction offered by the districts will be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, or sexual orientation and include information about abstinence and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence will not be taught to the exclusion of other instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. The districts 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 superintendent will provide parents/guardians an opportunity to review the materials to be used and provide information on excluding their child from sexual health education instruction.

| Cross Reference: Materials | Board Policy 2020 | Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional |
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| | Board Policy 2126 | HIV/AIDS Prevention Education |
| Legal References: Participation excused | RCW 28A.300.475 | Medically Accurate Sexual Health Education — Curricula — |
| | | — Parental review |
| prohibited — | RCW 28A.600.480(2) | Reporting of harassment, intimidation, or bullying Retaliation |
| | | Immunity |
| subject matter — | WAC 392-410-140 | Sexual health education — Definition — Optional course or |
| | | Excusal of students |
| Management Resources: | | |

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