

## **INSTRUCTION**

### **Sexual Health Instructional Program**

Sexual Health is an important part of a child's education. The intent of this policy is to ensure the Sexual Health curriculum is medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, suitable for all students regardless of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, and the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability. The District's sexual health education program will be consistent with the Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention developed by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in accordance with RCW 28A.300.475.

The Superintendent will establish procedures for the adoption of the Sexual Health Instructional Program which will be consistent with state law and will include involvement of parents, community representatives and staff members.

- The Resource Adoption Committee will identify a minimum of two curricula and materials to evaluate for the adoption process.
- Sexual health education, including information about parts of the body, reproduction, and related topics, will be included in the curriculum request to the School Board for approval.
  - The approval of the curriculum will include the complete instructional program, consisting of teaching materials, texts, handouts, videos and any other resource materials needed to provide instruction.
- Opportunities will be made available for parents to review the materials that will be used and parents/guardians may request that their child be excused from Sexual Health class sessions. A parent/guardian who wishes to have their student excused from sexual health education may do so by filling a written request (2125F.1 or 2125F.2) prior to the planned instruction.
- The Sexual Health Instructional Program, as used in this policy, will include specific identifiable curriculum and resource materials. Any revisions, version updates, or changes will be subject to the adoption process. This policy is specifically for the Sexual Health Curricula and does not include the general Health Curricula.
- Any Sexual Health Instructional Program used (or being evaluated or adopted) will be accessible in electronic or hard copy format for the public to view. Regardless of the format the materials will be a complete representation of the Sexual Health Instructional Program.

- No Sexual Health Instructional Program will be presented to the Board for adoption or used in the District until after the established adoption procedures have been completed. The District may conduct a field test with the Sexual Health Instructional Program.
- If any community representative objects to compliance with the steps taken with this process, the community representative may request evidence of compliance with this procedure from the Superintendent or designee.
- Community input is desired and valued.

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

Legal References:                   RCW 28A.300.475 Medically accurate sexual health education  
  - Curricula – Participation excused – Parental review  
  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

Classification:   Priority

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