

Content of Instruction

The district's health education program shall include instruction at the appropriate grade levels in the following content areas:

1. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs
2. Human growth, development, and sexual health
3. Injury prevention and safety

Instruction related to injury prevention and safety may include, but is not limited to, first aid, protective equipment such as helmets, violence prevention, topics related to bullying and harassment, emergency procedures, and Internet safety, and as required by law.

4. Mental, emotional, and social health

Health education courses offered to middle and/or high school students shall include mental health instruction that meets the requirements of Education Code 51925-51927, as specified in Administrative Regulation 6143 - Courses of Study.

5. Nutrition and physical activity
6. Personal and community health

Instruction in personal and community health may include, but is not limited to, oral health, personal hygiene, sun safety, vision and hearing protection, transmission of germs and communicable diseases, symptoms of common health problems and chronic diseases, and the effect of behavior on the environment, and as required by law.

Within each of the above content areas, instruction shall be designed to assist students in developing:

1. An understanding of essential concepts related to enhancing health
2. The ability to analyze internal and external influences that affect health
3. The ability to access and analyze health information, products, and services

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4. The ability to use interpersonal communication skills, decision-making skills, and goal-setting skills to enhance health
5. The ability to practice behaviors that reduce risk and promote health
6. The ability to promote and support personal, family, and community health

Students Excused from Health Instruction

Upon written request from a parent/guardian, a student shall be excused from any part of health instruction that conflicts with the student's religious training and beliefs, including personal moral convictions. (Education Code 51240)

The district shall excuse a student from instruction in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education if the student's parent/guardian requests in writing that the student be excused. However, pursuant to Education Code 51932, such parental request shall not excuse a student from instruction, materials, presentations, or programming that discuss gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, relationships, or family and do not discuss human reproductive organs and their functions. (Education Code 51938)

In addition, the district shall excuse a student from instruction in sexual abuse and/or sexual assault awareness and prevention if the student's parent/guardian requests in writing that the student be excused. (Education Code 51900.6)

The district shall not administer any exam, survey, or questionnaire which contains questions about the student's or the student's family's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, or religion unless the student's parent/guardian has given written permission. (Education Code 51513)

However, the district may administer anonymous, voluntary, and confidential tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about students' attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex, as long as parents/guardians are notified of the right to request in writing that the student be excused from participation. A student shall be excused from participating in any such research or evaluation tools if the student's parent/guardian requests in writing to excuse the student from participation. (Education Code 51938)

Involvement of Health Professionals

Health care professionals, health care service plans, health care providers, and other entities participating

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in a voluntary initiative with the district are prohibited from communicating about a product or service in a way that is intended to encourage persons to purchase or use the product or service. However, the following activities may be allowed: (Education Code 51890)

1. Health care or health education information provided in a brochure or pamphlet that contains the logo or name of a health care service plan or health care organization, if provided in coordination with the voluntary initiative
2. Outreach, application assistance, and enrollment activities relating to federal, state, or county-sponsored health care insurance programs if the activities are conducted in compliance with the statutory, regulatory, and programmatic guidelines applicable to those programs

State	Description
5 CCR 11800-11801	District health education plan
Ed. Code 35183.5	Sun protection
Ed. Code 49413	First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training
Ed. Code 49430-49434	Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001
Ed. Code 49490-49494	School breakfast and lunch programs
Ed. Code 49500-49505	School meals
Ed. Code 51202	Instruction in personal and public health and safety
Ed. Code 51203	Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and dangerous drugs
Ed. Code 51210	Course of study for grades 1-6
Ed. Code 51210.8	Health education curriculum
Ed. Code 51220.5	Parenting skills; areas of instruction
Ed. Code 51225.36	Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation
Ed. Code 51225.6	Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; districts that require health education for graduation
Ed. Code 51260-51269	Drug education
Ed. Code 51513	Personal beliefs
Ed. Code 51880-51881.5	Health education; legislative findings and intent

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Ed. Code 51890-51891	Comprehensive health education programs and community participation; definitions
Ed. Code 51900.6	Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention instruction
Ed. Code 51913	District health education plan
Ed. Code 51920	Inservice training; health education
Ed. Code 51925-51929	Mandatory mental health education and in-service training
Ed. Code 51930-51939	California Healthy Youth Act
Ed. Code 67386	Student safety; affirmative consent standard
Ed. Code 8850.5	Family relationships and parenting education
Federal	Description
42 USC 1751-1769j	School Lunch Program
42 USC 1758b	Local wellness policy
42 USC 1771-1793	Child Nutrition Act