

About the Sexual Health and Relationship Education (SHARE) program Curriculum

- A team of SHARE Instructors (men and women) come and teach a 50 minute class each day over the course of 3 days in a classroom setting
- PowerPoint Presentation with engaging course material
- Class is divided by gender for certain discussions
- Age appropriate material with cited and medically accurate statistics sourced from the CDC, NIH, Medical Institute for Sexual Health

Human Sexuality Instruction Under State Law

The chosen curriculum, Sexual Health And Relationship Education (SHARE), is compliant with Section 28.004 of the Texas Education Code, and in accordance, will:

- present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all sexual activity for unmarried persons of school age;
- devote more attention to abstinence from sexual activity than to any other behavior;
- emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity, if used consistently and correctly, is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, infection with HIV/AIDS, and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity;
- direct adolescents to a standard of behavior in which abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the most effective way to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and infection with HIV/AIDS; and
- teach contraception and condom use in terms of human use reality rates instead of theoretical laboratory rates.
- Not distribute condoms in connection with instruction relating to human sexuality.

The SHARE Program is only covering topics that are **included** in the new Health Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). If a question arises surrounding content or a topic not included in the curriculum- students are referred back to their parents to have this conversation.

- **Included** in the new Health TEKS:
 - Age-appropriate information on anatomy, puberty, menstruation, and human reproduction
 - The importance of abstinence
 - Information on contraception and prevention, screening, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections
 - Healthy friendships, relationships, and marriage
 - Preventing and recognizing abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sex trafficking
 - Setting boundaries and respecting the boundaries of other people.
- **Not included** in the new Health TEKS:
 - Consent Education
 - Gender Identity
 - Sexual Orientation
 - LGBTQ
 - Abortion

Parent Consent before a student receives instruction on human sexuality

Schools must obtain written parental consent before providing human sexuality instruction to a student. Students will not be allowed to participate unless we receive written consent. Under Texas law, you may exempt your child from participating in any part of the district's human sexuality instruction. Your child's teacher will assign alternative lessons or activities. Your child will not be subject to any disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction.

Curriculum Review

Under state law (Texas Education Code 28.004), parents have the right to review or purchase curriculum material related to human sexuality instruction.

Parent/Guardians will be provided the opportunity to:

1. Review curriculum materials at the Parent Meeting hosted by SHARE on October 19
2. For copyrighted curriculum materials, the parent/guardian can request to review the printed copy at the school campus at any time during regular business hours in the Nurse Office. Please contact the School Nurse to schedule an appointment to view a printed copy.
3. View an overview of the curriculum scope and sequence that is provided on the SHARE website, www.shareforyou.org
4. View an overview of the curriculum scope and sequence on the Health Office page on the school district website.

Opportunities for Parent/Guardian Involvement

Parents/guardians have the opportunity for involvement in the development or selection of the curriculum used in human sexuality instruction. The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meets regularly throughout the school year. Please contact the School Nurse or visit the SHAC section on the Health Office Page on the district website if you are interested in further information regarding the School Health Advisory Council.

Grievance Procedures

A parent may use the grievance procedure concerning a complaint of a violation of notice requirements.