

INSTRUCTION

2320

Health, Sex Education, and Human Sexuality

Health, family life, and sex education, including information about parts of the body, reproduction, and related topics, shall be included in the instructional program as appropriate to the grade level and course of study. The instructional approach shall be developed after consultation with parents and other community representatives.

Sex Education

While District schools do not provide instruction on all of the following topics, the term "human sexuality" shall mean the following, as required by state law:

1. Sexual conduct;
2. Sexual pleasure;
3. Sexual intimacy;
4. Sexual abuse;
5. Sexual violence;
6. Eroticism;
7. Pornography;
8. Deviant sexual behavior;
9. Sexual attraction;
10. Sexual orientation or any form of sexual identity;
11. Gender identity or gender conversion.

Instruction in any of these topics shall be age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, and in accordance with state standards. Classroom instruction that does not meet these criteria are prohibited. Before providing instruction on any of these topics or other sex education, the District shall provide parents/guardians with at least two weeks of notice and the opportunity to review any materials that will be used in this instruction. The notice shall include a brief description of the content of this instruction. Parents/guardians shall be provided with a form to provide written permission for their student to receive the instruction. Students will only

participate in instruction on the topic if their parent/guardian has provided this signed form within one week of the time this instruction begins. Alternative educational activities shall be provided for students who have not received this permission.\

If a parent/guardian believes their student has received instruction on one of these topics without the permission described above, the parent may address their complaint as described in Procedure 2320.

The Board directs that sex education instruction shall include instruction on abstinence. However, it is recognized that this alone may not prevent pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Therefore, the Board allows for instruction in sex education, including STIs, birth control, adoption, and general human sexuality. In all cases the known facts will be taught, not the opinions or moral judgment of the instructor.

1. Available adoption resources and current adoption practices in the United States as a means of providing for the well-being of a child;
2. The Idaho Safe Haven Act, I.C. 39-8201 et seq.; and
3. Where to find resources and support in the State of Idaho.

Additionally, any instruction on human biology, contraception, or STIs provided to students in grades 5 through 12 shall be accompanied by a viewing of a video that meets the following requirements:

1. It must be at least three minutes long;
2. It must show the development of the brain, heart, sex organs, and other vital organs in early fetal development; and
3. It must include a high-quality, computer-generated rendering or animation showing the process of fertilization and every stage of human development inside the uterus, noting significant markers in cell growth and organ development for every week of pregnancy until birth.

Before a student can view such a video, their parent/guardian must be given notice, be provided with the opportunity to review the video, and provide permission as described above.

The Board believes that instruction on STIs is most effective when integrated into a comprehensive health education program. Instruction shall be developmentally appropriate to the grade level of the students and shall occur in a systematic manner. The Board particularly desires that students receive proper education about STIs before they reach the age when they may adopt behaviors that increase their risk of contracting an STI.

In order for education about STIs to be most effective, the Superintendent shall require that faculty members who present this instruction receive continuing in-service training that includes appropriate teaching strategies and techniques.

No sex education materials or instruction may be provided by any individual or organization that is an abortion provider.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Education

Students may receive education regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. The Superintendent, or designee, may develop curriculum for use in health education that provides instruction to students in the areas of prevention, education, treatment, rehabilitation, and legal consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use.

Cross Reference:	Policy 2315	Physical Activity Opportunities and Physical Education
	Policy 2340	Controversial Issues and Academic Freedom
	Policy 2340 F1	Controversial Issues and Academic Freedom Parental Opt-Out Form for Sex Education
Legal Reference:	I.C. § 18-8707	Abortion-Related Activities Prohibited in School-Based Health Clinics and Sex Education Curricula
	I.C. § 33-1605	Health and Physical Fitness – Effects of Alcohol, Tobacco, Stimulants and Narcotics
	I.C. § 33-1608 <i>et seq.</i>	Family Life and Sex Education – Legislative
	Policy	
	IC § 33-1611A	Requiring Permission for Instruction Addressing Human Sexuality
	IC § 33-1637	Human Growth and Development
	I.C. § 33-342	Instruction in Public Schools
	IC § 33-6001	Adoption Education
	I.C. § 39-8201 <i>et. Seq.</i>	Parental Rights
	IDAPA 08.02.03.160	Idaho Safe Haven Act
		Safe Environment and Discipline

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