

Elk Grove USD

Board Policy

Sexual Health And STI/HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

BP 6142.1

Instruction

The Board of Education believes that a wholesome, well-planned sequence of instruction about family life and human sexuality is essential to the general education of all students. The Board also recognizes that Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pose a public health crisis and that education is a necessary component for helping to slow the spread of this disease. The Board therefore desires to provide a well-planned sequence of instruction on comprehensive sexual health and STI/HIV/AIDS prevention.

(cf.6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

The district's curriculum shall be based on medically accurate and factual information and shall help students understand the biological, psychological, social, moral, and ethical aspects of human sexuality. The district's program shall comply with the requirements of law and administrative regulation and shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values regarding human sexuality to their children.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 5141.25 - Availability of Condoms)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

The Superintendent or designee may appoint the Health Curriculum Specialist and an advisory committee regarding the district's comprehensive sexual health program. This advisory committee shall represent a divergence of viewpoints and may participate in planning, implementing, and evaluating the district's comprehensive sexual health education program. The Board shall consider the advisory committee's recommendations when approving the district's program.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

Parent Notification and Approval

At the beginning of each school year, or at the time of a student's enrollment, parents/guardians

shall be notified about instruction in comprehensive sexual health education and STI/HIV/AIDS prevention education, as well as research on student health behaviors and risks, planned for the coming year. The notice shall advise parents/guardians:

1. That written and audiovisual educational materials to be used in comprehensive sexual health and STI/HIV/AIDS prevention education are available for inspection.
2. That comprehensive sexual health will be taught by district personnel.
3. That parents/guardians have a right to request a copy of the California Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act, California Education Code sections 51930 et seq.
4. That parents/guardians will be notified at least two weeks before the instruction in sexual health and STI/HIV/AIDS prevention education is to begin. Parents/guardians may request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or STI/HIV/AIDS prevention education.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parent Notifications)

The district will not administer to students in grades K-12 anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research instruments, including tests and surveys, containing age-appropriate questions about their attitudes or practices relating to sexual health unless required by law.

If administration of a research instrument becomes required by law, at least two weeks prior to administering it, parents/guardians shall receive written notice that the survey is to be administered. Parents/guardians shall be given an opportunity to review the survey material.

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

Parents/guardians shall be asked to sign and return to the school an acknowledgment that they have received the notification.

Upon a written request from his/her parent/guardian, a student shall be excused from participating in comprehensive sexual health or STI/HIV/AIDS prevention education. While the instruction is being delivered, an alternative educational activity shall be made available to the student.

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanctions if the student's parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive the instruction.

Staff members or others who present STI/HIV/AIDS prevention instruction shall be adequately trained and have periodic inservice opportunities to remain knowledgeable of new prevention education techniques and new developments in the scientific understanding of STI/HIV/AIDS.

Other staff members and parents/guardians also shall have access to STI/HIV/AIDS information

in order to reinforce universal precautions and to present consistent messages and attitudes to students.

(cf. 6142.1 _ Family Life/Sex Education)

(cf. 6141 _ Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

220 Prohibition of discrimination

48980 Notice at beginning of term

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51210.8 Health education curriculum

51240 Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs

51513 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices

51930-51939 Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1255.7 Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby

PENAL CODE

243.4 Sexual battery

261.5 Unlawful sexual intercourse

271.5 Parents voluntarily surrendering custody of a baby

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232h Protection of student rights

7906 Sex education

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Health Education Content Standards for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade 12, 2008

Health Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten through Grade 12, 2003

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org>

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists: <http://www.acog.org>

American Public Health Association: <http://www.apha.org>

California Department of Education, Sex Education and HIV/STD Instruction:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/se>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Safe Schools Coalition: <http://www.casafeschools.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National Academy of Sciences: <http://www.nationalacademies.org>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General:

<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov>

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