

Purpose Statement for IUSD Health Advisory Committee (HAC)

The California State Department of Education's *Guidelines for Family Life/Sex Education* (1987) states that "all [family life/sex education] curriculum and materials to be used should be studied by a community advisory committee....." (p.vi) and "...the recommendations of the committee eventually must be approved formally by the board." (p.4).

In keeping with these Guidelines, the IUSD Board of Education has established the Board appointed Health Advisory Committee (HAC). The HAC consists of five members, each appointed by each of the elected Board of Education members. The HAC is advisory to the IUSD Board of Education.

The charge of the HAC is to review sensitive topic materials and make recommendations to the Board of Education regarding their approval for use.

Successful implementation of this review and recommendation process requires the efforts and cooperation of the HAC, the Board of Education, and IUSD Staff (district administration, site administration, teaching and support staff).

The responsibilities of the HAC are to:

- Agree upon a process for identification, review, and recommendation of sensitive topic materials to the Board of Education.
- Communicate its recommendations to the Board of Education.

The responsibilities of Staff are:

- At the district level:
 - To communicate to the school sites the requirement and process for obtaining approval of sensitive topic materials.
- At the school sites:
 - To submit all sensitive material that is a candidate for classroom use to the HAC for review and recommendation for approval.
 - To implement sensitive topic material as approved.

The responsibilities of the Board of Education are to:

- Maintain ongoing communication with each of their respective HAC appointees.
- Take action on HAC recommendations.
- Ensure that administration informs school site personnel of the district's review and recommendation process.