

Sexual Health Education

The district will provide sexual health education. The program will be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, or sexual orientation and include information about abstinence and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence will not be taught to the exclusion of other instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. The district's sexual health education program will be consistent with the *Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention* developed by the Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superintendent will provide parents/guardians an opportunity to review the materials to be used and provide information on excluding their child from sexual health education instruction.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 2020 Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Board Policy 2126 HIV/AIDS Prevention Education

Legal References: RCW 28A.300.475 Medically Accurate Sexual Health Education — Curricula — Participation excused — Parental review

RCW 28A.600.480(2) Reporting of harassment, intimidation, or bullying-- Retaliation prohibited — Immunity

WAC 392-410-140 Sexual health education — Definition — Optional course or subject matter — Excusal of students

Management Resources:

Policy News, February 2009 Healthy Youth Act

Policy News, August 2007 Sex Education Curriculum and Instruction

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