Sexual Health Education

The Wenatchee School District Board of Directors has determined that all students be provided instruction in comprehensive sexual health education, consistent with state law.

Comprehensive sexual health education instruction provided by the district to students will be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, and inclusive of students regardless of their protected class status under Chapter 49.60 RCW. As required by law, the curriculum, instruction, and materials will include information about affirmative consent, bystander training, and abstinence and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence will not be taught to the exclusion of other materials and instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. The district's comprehensive 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 Health Education K-12 Learning Standards adopted by OSPI, and other provisions of RCW 28A.300.475.

The district may choose from a list of curricular materials provided by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), or may identify, choose, or develop any other curriculum that complies with the state requirements. Any Comprehensive Sexual Health Education curricular materials not selected from the OSPI list will be reviewed in accordance with Policy 2020, using a comprehensive sexual health education curriculum analysis tool from OSPI. The superintendent or their designee will annually identify to OSPI any curricula used to provide comprehensive sexual health education and how the provided classroom instruction aligns with legislative requirements.

Any parent or legal guardian may review the comprehensive sexual health education curriculum provided in his or her child's school. The superintendent will provide parents/guardians notice and an opportunity to review the materials to be used, which shall include electronic access to all course materials, by grade, that are available electronically and will be used at the school during the instruction. Materials are also available for viewing at each school site. The district will provide information on how parents/guardians can excuse their child from sexual health education instruction, and the district will grant all such requests.

Cross References: 2126 - HIV-AIDS Prevention Education 2020 - Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

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:

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