

Sexual Health Education

The Edmonds School District Board of Directors has determined that sexual health education instruction will be offered to students, consistent with state law.

Sexual health education instruction offered by the district 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.

Alternative instructional activities will be provided for any student whose parents choose not to have their child participate in instruction dealing with human sexuality. Any parent or legal guardian who wishes to have his/her child excused from such instruction may do so by filing a written request with the school principal on the form available from the school.

Cross References

2126 - HIV-AIDS Prevention Education

2020 - Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Legal Resources

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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Policy News, August 2007 Sex Education Curriculum and Instruction

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