

INSTRUCTION

Sexual Health Education

The district shall provide instruction in comprehensive sexual health education as required by state law.

Instruction in grades K-3 will be limited to the social and emotional standards and benchmarks established by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Instruction in grades 4-12 will be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, and inclusive of students regardless of their protected class status under Chapter 49.60 RCW. 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 OSPI, the Health Education K-12 Learning Standards adopted by OSPI, and other provisions of RCW 28A.300.475.

Instructional materials will be chosen from a list provided by OSPI or will be identified or developed by the district and reviewed using comprehensive sexual health education curriculum analysis tools provided by OSPI.

The district will provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to review the materials to be used and information on excluding their child from sexual health education instruction. All n requests to exclude a child from sexual health instruction must be in writing and will be granted by the district.

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.

HIV/AIDS prevention instruction included in the district’s comprehensive sexual health education program will be limited to the discussion of the life-threatening dangers of the disease, its transmission and prevention. Students will receive such education at least once each school year beginning no later than the fifth grade.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.230.070	AIDS Education in public schools — Limitations — Program adoption — Model curricula — Student's exclusion from participation
	RCW 28A.300.475	Medically accurate sexual health education — Curricula — Participation excused — Parental review
	WAC 392-410-140	Sexual health education — Definition — Optional course or subject matter — Excusal of students

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