

Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

The Board of Education desires to provide a well-planned, integrated sequence of medically accurate and inclusive instruction on comprehensive sexual health and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention. The Office's educational program shall provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect them from sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy and to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors. The educational program shall also promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development and the development of healthy attitudes and behaviors concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage and family.

The curriculum shall support the purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act as specified in Education Code 51930-51939, be unbiased and inclusive of all students in the classroom, and be aligned with the state's content standards. The Office shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values human sexuality to their children.

Annually, parents/guardians shall be notified, in the manner specified in the accompanying administrative regulation, that they may request in writing that their child be excused from participating in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education. Students so excused by their parents/guardians shall be given an alternative educational activity.

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive the instruction.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE*220 Prohibition of discrimination**33544 Inclusion of sexual harassment and violence in health curriculum framework**48980 Notice at beginning of term**51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety**51210.8 Health education curriculum**51225-35 Instruction in sexual harassment and violence; districts that require health education for graduation**51240 Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs**51513 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices**51930-51939 California Healthy Youth Act**67386 Student safety; affirmative consent standard*PENAL CODE*234.4 Sexual battery**261.5 Unlawful sexual intercourse*UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20*1232H Protection of student rights**7906 Sex education*