

Human Sexuality Education

The district shall provide age-appropriate, comprehensive human sexuality instruction for all students.

The course instruction shall be integrated in the health education curriculum. The course will strongly encourage abstinence from sexual activity during the teenage years. The course will strongly encourage students to abstain from sexual activity until they are physically, emotionally, and morally ready to accept the risks and responsibilities of sexual activity.

Human sexuality involves physical, moral and emotional topics which must be handled with honesty, sensitivity and judgment. The professional judgment and skill of the teacher is essential to the success of this program and must be fully utilized. However, teachers should recognize the importance of others in this process and encourage students to communicate with their parents/guardians, pastor, counselor and other trusted community members in these important areas.

The natural modesty of students will be preserved. Separation of the class by gender is permitted whenever in the judgment of the teacher it is important to the preservation of modesty.

The course shall include information about:

1. Abstinence;
2. Responsible sexual behaviors;
3. Hygienic practices;
4. Consequences of sexual intercourse;
5. Consequences of unintended, pregnancies;
6. Sexually transmitted diseases;
7. Laws pertaining to financial responsibility for their children;
8. Laws regarding sexual relations with persons under age 18;
9. Unwanted physical or verbal sexual advances;
10. Sex abuse;
11. Honesty, respect, responsibility for one's actions;
12. Communication skills;
13. Family communication;
14. Parental skills;
15. Child development.

The district shall coordinate the course with the local health department where applicable.

The district shall make known to parents and district residents that the human sexuality instructional materials used in class, in a course, assembly or school-sponsored activity are available for review. Parents of minor students shall be notified in advance of any human sexuality instruction. The notice shall state an opportunity to review materials, no student shall be required to take or participate in the instruction and a written objection submitted to the district will excuse a student with no disciplinary consequence.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 336.035

ORS 336.107

ORS 336.455 - 336.475

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