Santa Barbara Unified School District
Board Policy

BP 6142.1

Instruction

SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

The Governing Board recognizes that accurate information about family life and human sexuality may contribute to a decreased risk for sexually transmitted diseases or unintended pregnancies. The Board also recognizes that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pose a public health crisis and that education is a necessary component for helping to slow the spread of this disease. The Board therefore desires to provide a well-planned sequence of instruction on comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

The district's curriculum shall be based on medically accurate and factual information and shall help students understand the biological, psychological, social, moral, and ethical aspects of human sexuality. The district’s program shall comply with the requirements of law and administrative regulation and shall respect the rights of parents/guardians to supervise their children's education on these subjects and to impart values regarding human sexuality to their children.

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5141.25 - Availability of Condoms)
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Parent/Guardian Notification and Excuse

At the beginning of each school year, or at the time of a student’s enrollment, parents/guardians shall be notified about instruction in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV/AIDS prevention education, as well as research on student health behaviors and risks, planned for the coming year. The notice shall advise parents/guardians: (Education Code 48980, 51938)

1. That written and audiovisual educational materials to be used in comprehensive sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention education are available for inspection
2. That parents/guardians may request in writing that their child not receive comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education
3. That parents/guardians have a right to request a copy of Education Code 51930-51939
4. Whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education will be taught by district personnel or outside consultants

If the district chooses to use outside consultants or to hold an assembly with guest speakers to teach the comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education, the notification shall include: (Education Code 51938)
a. The date of the instruction
b. The name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker
c. Information stating the right of the parent/guardian to request a copy of Education Code 51933-51934

If the arrangements for instruction by outside consultants or guest speakers are made after the beginning of the school year, the district shall notify parents/guardians by mail or another commonly used method of notification no fewer than 14 days before the instruction is given. (Education Code 51938)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

Upon written request, a parent/guardian may excuse his/her child from participating in comprehensive sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention education or from participating in questionnaires or surveys regarding health behaviors and risks. Students so excused by their parents/guardians shall be given an alternative educational activity. (Education Code 51240, 51939)

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. (Education Code 51939)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE
48980 Notice at beginning of term
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51240 Excuse from instruction due to religious beliefs
51313 Materials containing questions about beliefs or practices
51930-51939 Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
1255.7 Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby

PENAL CODE
243.4 Sexual battery
261.5 Unlawful sexual intercourse
271.5 Parents voluntarily surrendering custody of a baby

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
1232h Protection of Student Rights
7906 Sex education

Management Resources:

CDE PUBLICATIONS
Health Framework for California Public Schools, 2003

WEB SITES
California Department of Education, Sex Education and HIV/STD Instruction: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/se/
California Department of Health Services: http://www.dhs.ca.gov
California Department of Social Services: http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov
California Healthy Kids Resource Center: http://www.californiahealthykids.org
California Safe Schools Coalition: http://www.casafeschools.org
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov

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