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Instruction**SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION**Definitions

Comprehensive sexual health education means education regarding human development and sexuality, including education on menstrual health, pregnancy, contraception, and sexually transmitted infections. (Education Code 51931)

HIV prevention education means instruction on the nature of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), methods of transmission, strategies to reduce the risk of HIV infection, and social and public health issues related to HIV and AIDS. (Education Code 51931)

Age appropriate refers to topics, messages, and teaching methods suitable to particular ages or age groups of children and adolescents, based on developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group. (Education Code 51931)

Medically accurate means verified or supported by research conducted in compliance with scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals, where appropriate, and recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field, such as the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Public Health Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. (Education Code 51931)

Components of Sexual Health and HIV Prevention Education

In addition to complying with the criteria listed in the “General Criteria for Instruction and Materials” in Superintendent and Board Policy No. 6142.1, The County Superintendent/County Board comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education for students in grades 7-12 shall include all of the following: (Education Code 51934)

1. Information on the nature of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and their effects on the human body.
2. Information on the manner in which HIV and other sexually transmitted infections are and are not transmitted, including information on the relative risk of infection according to specific behaviors, including sexual behaviors and injection drug use.
3. Information that abstinence from sexual activity and injection drug use is the only certain way to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only certain way to prevent unintended pregnancy.

The instruction shall provide information about the value of delaying sexual activity while also providing medically accurate information on other methods of preventing HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy.

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4. Information about the effectiveness and safety of all federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved methods that prevent or reduce the risk of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, including use of antiretroviral medication, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
5. Information about the effectiveness and safety of reducing the risk of HIV transmission as a result of injection drug use by decreasing needle use and needle sharing.
6. Information about the treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, including how antiretroviral therapy can dramatically prolong the lives of many people living with HIV and reduce the likelihood of transmitting HIV to others.
7. Discussion about social views on HIV and AIDS, including addressing unfounded stereotypes and myths regarding HIV and AIDS and people living with HIV.

This instruction shall emphasize that successfully treated HIV-positive individuals have a normal life expectancy, all people are at some risk of contracting HIV, and testing is the only way to know if one is HIV-positive.

8. Information about local resources, how to access local resources, and students' legal rights to access local resources for sexual and reproductive health care such as testing and medical care for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy prevention and care, as well as local resources for assistance with sexual assault and intimate partner violence.
9. Information about the effectiveness and safety of FDA-approved contraceptive methods in preventing pregnancy, including, but not limited to, emergency contraception. Instruction on pregnancy shall include an objective discussion of all legally available pregnancy outcomes, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Parenting, adoption, and abortion.
 - b. Information on the law on surrendering physical custody of a minor child 72 hours of age or younger, pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1255.7 and Penal Code 271.5.
 - c. The importance of prenatal care.
10. Information about sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, and human trafficking, including:
 - a. Information on the prevalence and nature of human trafficking, strategies to reduce the risk of human trafficking, techniques to set healthy boundaries, and how to safely seek assistance if there is a suspicion of trafficking.
 - b. Information on how social media and mobile device applications are used for human trafficking.

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11. Information about adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, including the early warning signs of each, and the resources available to students related to adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline and local domestic violence hotlines that provide confidential support services for students that have experienced domestic violence or stalking.

The comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education may include instruction regarding the potential risks and consequences of creating and sharing suggestive or sexually explicit materials through cell phones, social networking web sites, computer networks, or other digital media. (Education Code 51934)

Professional Development

The comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education shall be provided by instructors trained in the appropriate courses who are knowledgeable of the most recent medically accurate research on human sexuality, healthy relationships, pregnancy, and HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. (Education Code 51931, 51934)

The County Superintendent or designee shall cooperatively plan and conduct in-service training for all County Superintendent personnel who provide HIV prevention education, through regional planning, joint powers agreements, or contract services. (Education Code 51935)

In developing and providing in-service training, the County Superintendent or designee shall cooperate and collaborate with the teachers who provide HIV prevention education and with the California Department of Education (CDE). (Education Code 51935)

The County Superintendent shall periodically conduct in-service training to enable personnel to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of HIV. In-service training shall be voluntary for personnel who have demonstrated expertise or received in-service training from the CDE or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (Education Code 51935)

The County Superintendent or designee may expand HIV in-service training to cover the topic of comprehensive sexual health education in order for personnel teaching comprehensive sexual health education to learn new developments in the scientific understanding of sexual health. (Education Code 51935)

The County Superintendent or designee shall periodically provide continuing education that enables personnel to learn about new developments in the understanding of abuse, including sexual abuse, and human trafficking and current prevention efforts and methods. Such education may include early identification of abuse, including sexual abuse, and human trafficking of students and minors. (Education Code 51950)

Use of Consultants or Guest Speakers

The County Superintendent or designee may contract with outside consultants or guest speakers, including those who have developed multilingual curricula or curricula accessible to persons with disabilities, to deliver comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education

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or to provide training for personnel. All outside consultants and guest speakers shall have expertise in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education and knowledge of the most recent medically accurate research on the relevant topic(s) covered in the instruction. The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any instruction provided by an outside speaker or consultant complies with County Superintendent and County Board policy, administrative regulation, and Education Code 51930-51939. (Education Code 51933, 51934, 51936)

Parent/Guardian Notification and Opt-Out

At the beginning of each school year or at the time of a student's enrollment, the County Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians about instruction in comprehensive sexual health and HIV 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 prevention education are available for inspection.
2. That parents/guardians have a right to opt their students out of comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education, or research on student health behaviors and risks, provided they submit their request in writing to the County Superintendent.
3. That parents/guardians have a right to request a copy of Education Code 51930-51939
4. Whether the comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education will be taught by County Superintendent personnel or outside consultants and, if the County Superintendent chooses to use outside consultants or guest speakers for this purpose, the following information:
 - 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, and 51938.

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

Nonapplicability to Certain Instruction or Materials

Except as required by law, the requirements of Education Code 51930-51939 pertaining to instructional content, teacher training, and parent/guardian notification and opt-out shall not apply to the following: (Education Code 51932)

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1. A description or illustration of human reproductive organs that may appear in a textbook, adopted pursuant to law, if the textbook does not include other elements of comprehensive sexual health or HIV prevention education as defined in Education Code 51931.
2. Instruction, materials, presentations, or programming that discusses gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, relationships, or family and does not discuss human reproductive organs and their functions.

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