

## FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

**Instruction**  
**COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION**Content of Instruction

The County Superintendent/County Board health education program shall include instruction at the appropriate grade levels in the following content areas:

1. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
2. Human growth, development, and sexual health.
3. Injury prevention and safety.

Instruction related to injury prevention and safety may include, but is not limited to, first aid, protective equipment such as helmets, violence prevention, topics related to bullying and harassment, emergency procedures, and Internet safety.

4. Mental, emotional, and social health.

Health education courses offered to middle and/or high school students shall include mental health instruction that meets the requirements of Education Code 51925-51927, as specified in Administrative Regulation 6143 - Courses of Study.

5. Nutrition and physical activity.
6. Personal and community health.

Instruction in personal and community health may include, but is not limited to, oral health, personal hygiene, sun safety, hearing protection, transmission of germs and communicable diseases, symptoms of common health problems and chronic diseases, and the effect of behavior on the environment.

Within each of the above content areas, instruction shall be designed to assist students in developing:

1. An understanding of essential concepts related to enhancing health.
2. The ability to analyze internal and external influences that affect health.
3. The ability to access and analyze health information, products, and services.
4. The ability to use interpersonal communication skills, decision-making skills, and goal-setting skills to enhance health.
5. The ability to practice behaviors that reduce risk and promote health.

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6. The ability to promote and support personal, family, and community health.

High School Health Education

Whenever a course in health education is required for graduation from high school, the County Superintendent/County Board high school health education course(s) shall include instruction in:

1. Sexual harassment and violence, including, but not limited to, the affirmative consent standard as defined in Education Code 67386. When delivering such instruction, teachers shall consult information related to sexual harassment and violence in the Health Education Framework for California Public Schools. (Education Code 51225.36)
2. Compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), which is based on national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of compression-only CPR and includes instruction relative to the psychomotor skills necessary to perform compression-only CPR. (Education Code 51225.6)

Exemption from Health Instruction

Upon written request from a parent/guardian, a student shall be excused from any part of health instruction that conflicts with the student's religious training and beliefs, including personal moral convictions. (Education Code 51240)

The County Superintendent shall excuse a student from instruction in comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education if the student's parent/guardian requests in writing that the student be excused. However, pursuant to Education Code 51932, such parental request shall not excuse a student from instruction, materials, presentations, or programming that discuss gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, relationships, or family and do not discuss human reproductive organs and their functions. (Education Code 51938)

In addition, the County Superintendent shall excuse a student from instruction in sexual abuse and/or sexual assault awareness and prevention if the student's parent/guardian requests in writing that the student be excused. (Education Code 51900.6)

Students so excused shall be given an alternative educational activity.

The County Superintendent shall not administer any exam, survey, or questionnaire which contains questions about the student's or the student's family's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, or religion unless the student's parent/guardian has given written permission. (Education Code 51513)

However, the County Superintendent may administer anonymous, voluntary, and confidential tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about students' attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex, as long as parents/guardians are notified of the right to request in writing that the student be excused from participation. A student shall be excused from participating in any such research or evaluation tools if the student's

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parent/guardian requests in writing to excuse the student from participation. (Education Code 51938)

**Involvement of Health Professionals**

Health care professionals, health care service plans, health care providers, and other entities participating in a voluntary initiative with the County Superintendent are prohibited from communicating about a product or service in a way that is intended to encourage persons to purchase or use the product or service. However, the following activities may be allowed: (Education Code 51890)

1. Health care or health education information provided in a brochure or pamphlet that contains the logo or name of a health care service plan or health care organization, if provided in coordination with the voluntary initiative.
2. Outreach, application assistance, and enrollment activities relating to federal, state, or county-sponsored health care insurance programs if the activities are conducted in compliance with the statutory, regulatory, and programmatic guidelines applicable to those programs.

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