

CSBA Update 03/21
Administrative Regulation

Instruction

AR 6142.8

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION

Content of Instruction

Note: Items #1-6 below reflect six content areas delineated in the voluntary content standards for health education adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) in March 2008. The district may revise the following list to reflect the topics to be addressed in the district's program.

The district's health education program shall include instruction at the appropriate grade levels in the following content areas:

1. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

Note: Education Code 51934 requires that districts provide comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention instruction, at least once in middle school or junior high school and at least once in high school, by instructors trained in the appropriate courses. Education Code 51934 also authorizes, but does not require, districts to provide age-appropriate comprehensive sexual health education prior to grade 7 on any of the topics specified in Education Code 51934. See AR 6143 - Courses of Study and BP/AR 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction.

Education Code 51900.6 authorizes districts to provide age-appropriate instruction in grades K-12 in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention pursuant to content standards developed by SBE, provided that students are allowed to be excused from such instruction upon the written request of their parents/guardians. SBE has not yet adopted content standards regarding sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Also see BP 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting.

2. Human growth, development, and sexual health

*(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention **Instruction Education**)*

Note: The **optional** paragraph under item #3 below includes examples of topics that are addressed in the state content standards within the content area of injury prevention and safety. **In addition, pursuant to Education Code 51940, districts may, on a voluntary basis, use curricula distributed by the California Healthy Kids Resource Center that focuses on prevention of brain and spinal cord injuries.**

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, **prevention of brain and spinal cord injuries**, violence prevention, topics related to bullying and harassment, **emergency procedures**, and Internet safety.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

4. Mental, emotional, and social health

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5141.5 - Mental Health)

(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)

5. Nutrition and physical activity

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)

Note: The optional paragraph under item #6 below includes examples of topics that are addressed in the state content standards within the content area of personal and community health.

6. Personal and community health

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

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

(cf. 5141.7 - Sun Safety)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 6142.5 - Environmental Education)

Note: Items #1-6 below combine eight "overarching standards" described in the state content standards as essential concepts and skills to be taught to students.

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

(cf. 5141.6 - School Health 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
6. The ability to promote and support personal, family, and community health

High School Health Education

Note: The following section is for use by districts that serve students in grades 9-12 and require a course in health education as a requirement for graduation from high school. Pursuant to Education Code 51225.36, districts that require a course in health education for graduation from high school must include instruction in sexual harassment and violence, including, but not limited to, the affirmative consent standard as defined in Education Code 67386. In addition, pursuant to Education Code 51225.6, districts that require a course in health education for graduation from high school must include instruction in performing compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as specified.

Whenever the Board requires a course in health education for graduation from high school, the district's 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)

(cf. 6146.1 - High School Graduation Requirements)

Exemption Students Excused from Health Instruction

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

(cf. 6141.2 - Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51938, a student's parent/guardian has the right to excuse the student from all or part of comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and assessments related to that education through a passive consent ("opt-out") process. The district may not require active parental consent ("opt-in") for such purpose. The district's notice to parents/guardians regarding planned instruction for the school year in the area of comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education must include notification of the right to excuse a student from such education by written request to the district. See BP/E 5145.6 - Parental Notifications and BP/AR 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction.

The district 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. (Education Code 51938)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

(cf. 6145.8 - Assemblies and Special Events)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51900.6, districts that provide instruction in sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention are required to excuse students whose parent/guardian has made a written request. The following paragraph is for districts that provide instruction in sexual abuse and/or sexual assault awareness and prevention.

In addition, the district 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)

Note: Pursuant to Education Code 51513, districts may not administer exams, surveys, or questionnaires containing questions about a student's or his/her a student's family's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, and religion unless the student's parent/guardian is notified in writing of such administration and has provided prior written consent. See AR 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights.

The district 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. Upon written request from a parent/guardian, a student shall be excused from any part of health instruction that conflicts with his/her religious training and beliefs, including personal moral convictions. (Education Code 51240-51513)

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights)

Note: Notwithstanding Education Code 51513, Education Code 51938 authorizes anonymous, voluntary, and confidential research and evaluation tools to measure students' health behaviors and risks, including tests, questionnaires, and surveys containing age-appropriate questions about the student's attitudes concerning or practices relating to sex, to students in grades 7-12. Parents/guardians have the right to excuse their child from such research and evaluations through a passive ("opt-out") process and may not be required to provide active ("opt-in") consent. The district is required to notify parents/guardians of the test, questionnaire, or survey to be administered, given the opportunity to review such research or evaluation tool, and notified of their right to excuse their child by making such request in writing to the district. The following paragraph is for use by districts that serve students in any of grades 7-12 and should be deleted by districts that do not serve such students.

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

~~(cf. 5020 – Parent Rights and Responsibilities)~~

~~(cf. 5022 – Student and Family Privacy Rights)~~

~~(cf. 6141.2 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs)~~

~~(cf. 6145.8 – Assemblies and Special Events)~~

~~Students so excused shall be given an alternative educational activity.~~

Involvement of Health Professionals

Health care professionals, health care service plans, health care providers, and other entities participating in a voluntary initiative with the district 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.**

~~(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)~~

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