



Comprehensive Sexual Health & HIV / AIDS Instruction Policy

The ASA Board recognizes that the purpose of the school's sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction is to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect them from unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases and to encourage students to develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, dating, marriage, and family. The Board therefore desires to provide instruction on sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention. (Education Code 51930)

Instruction and materials shall be provided to students with the development of refusal skills to assist them in overcoming peer pressure and using effective decision-making skills for making and implementing responsible decisions. (Education Code 51934)

ASA's curriculum shall be aligned with the state's content standards, based on medically accurate and factual information, and designed to teach students to make healthy choices and reduce high-risk behaviors. The school's program shall comply with the requirements of law and Board policy 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.

The Board recognizes that sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention shall encourage students to be abstinent and to conceptualize sexual behavior in the ethical and moral context of marriage.

The program shall be age-appropriate and shall address a full range of topics. The program shall emphasize that abstinence from sex is the only totally effective protection against unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted AIDS.

The Board also believes that a wholesome, well-planned sequence of instruction about family life and human sexuality is essential to the general education of all students. Lack of information or pervasive misinformation can cause low self-esteem, increased risk for sexually transmitted disease, unintended pregnancy or sterility, and school dropout. The school curriculum shall help students understand the biological, psychological, social, moral and ethical aspects of human sexuality.

Professional Preparation for Instruction Teachers who provide instruction in sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction shall have professional preparation, either pre-service or inservice, in the subject area.



Advisory Committee: A sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction advisory committee representing a divergence of viewpoints may participate in planning, implementing and evaluating ASA's sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction program under the direction of the CEO or designee.

Parent/Guardian Consent: Prior to providing instruction in sexual health or HIV/AIDS prevention, Education Code 51938 requires that parents/guardians be notified of the opportunity to request that their child not receive the instruction. A parent/guardian must consent in writing that his/her child be allowed to participate in HIV/AIDS prevention or sexual health education. Students who are excused by their parents/guardians shall be given an alternative educational activity. (Education Code 51240, 51938, 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) BP 6142.1(c)

FAMILY LIFE/SEX EDUCATION SEXUAL HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION (cont.) Evaluation: The CEO shall ensure that sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction materials and instruction are continuously evaluated in light of information received from students, parents/guardians, and teachers and are updated to ensure current, medically sound information is included. All sexual health and HIV/AIDS prevention instruction courses shall follow the requirements on instruction as contained in the California State Education Code.