

Content of Instruction

The district's health education program shall include instruction at the appropriate grade levels through the following units of study:

1. Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

2. Human growth, development, and sexual health

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

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, and Internet safety.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5138 - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology)

4. Mental, emotional, and social health

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(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)

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 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)

Within each of the above units of study, 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.

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 his/her religious training and beliefs, including personal moral convictions. (Education Code 51240) Students so excused shall be given an alternative educational activity.

(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)

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.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

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