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Health Education

The Board is committed to a sound, comprehensive health education program as an integral part of each student's general education. At a minimum, the health education program meets the requirements established by State law and includes instruction in nutrition; drugs, alcohol and tobacco, including electronic smoking devices; sexually transmitted infections; annual developmentally appropriate child sexual abuse prevention (grades K-6); personal safety and assault prevention (grades K-6); developmentally appropriate dating violence prevention and sexual violence prevention (grades 7-12); prescription opioid abuse prevention and anatomical gifts (organ and tissue donation).

The District provides at least one hour or one standard class period per year for each of the following to students in grades 6-12: evidence-based suicide awareness and prevention; safety training and violence prevention and evidence-based social inclusion instruction. The District may utilize student assemblies, digital learning and homework to satisfy these requirements.

The District complies with all statutory requirements for curriculum and materials used for instruction, parental notice, right to review materials and any applicable parental opt-out or opt-in provisions provided under State law.

The Board believes that an opportunity for effective health education lies with the public schools because of the opportunity to reach almost all students at an age when positive, lifelong health, wellness and safety habits may be instilled.

In an effort to promote a relevant approach to the instruction of health education, the Board continues to stress the need for curricular, personnel and financial commitments to ensure a health education program of high quality in the public schools.

Legal References

- ORC 3313.473
- ORC 3313.60
- ORC 3313.666
- ORC 3319.073
- OAC 3301-35-04
- OAC 3301-35-06

Cross References

- EB - Safety Program
- EBC - Emergency Management and Safety Plans
- EFG - Student Wellness Program
- IGAF - Physical Education
- IGAG - Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Education

IGAH - Family Life Education
IGAI - Sex Education
IGBLA – Promoting Parental Involvement
JFC - Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance)
JFCF - Hazing and Bullying (Harassment, Intimidation and Dating Violence)
JHF - Student Safety
JHG - Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training

NOTE: Senate Bill (SB) 168 (2024) modifies the terms that must be included under Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3313.6011 (C) (1) and updates terminology. SB 168 changes references of "venereal disease" education to "sexually transmitted infection" education and references of "wedlock" to "marriage."

RC 3313.60(A)(5) requires the District to provide health education including instruction in specific areas as outlined in this policy. The provisions also define:

1. when the District has a requirement to provide advance notice of a type of instruction provided;
2. requirements for what training programs and curriculum can be used for specific areas of instruction;
3. when a parent has the right to request specific instructional materials for review (in addition to other State and Federal law provisions providing the right to request instructional materials) and timelines for provision of such materials and
4. when a parent may opt their student out of instruction in a particular area.

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