

Parent preview of HIV/AIDS & Sex Education curriculum:

In September 2008, the Healthy Youth Act went into effect. This law was passed by the 2007 Washington State Legislature. Effective September 2008, this law directs school districts to ensure that their HIV/AIDS & Sex Education lessons are medically and scientifically accurate. State law requires districts to instruct students annually in HIV/AIDS prevention.

State law does not require districts to instruct students in sex education. However, districts that provide sex education must ensure that the curriculum is in alignment with state law and guidelines for sexual health information and disease prevention. Lake Washington is a school district that provides sex education to students.

Both the HIV/AIDS curriculum and sex education curriculum is available for review at our school and at the district's Resource Center in Redmond Town Center.

The review serves two purposes.

- The first purpose is to inform parents of what will be taught so that parents know what their child will be learning in class.
- The second purpose is to provide parents an opportunity to exempt their child from these lessons.

This opportunity to review the curriculum is not the “preview and comment” process we use when adopting a new curriculum. The HIV/AIDS and sex education curriculum has already been adopted by the district.

By law, parents are expected to preview the HIV/AIDS curriculum before exempting their child from instruction. Exemption forms are available at school and at the Curriculum Office.

There is no law regarding prior review of the sex education curriculum. Parents can exempt their child from sex education by simply writing a note indicating their desire to exempt.

Review Process:

The HIV/AIDS and sex education curriculum is available for individual checkout and review from the District Curriculum Library. The Curriculum Library is located at the District Resource Center in the Redmond Town Shopping Center. The Resource Center is open from 7:30 – 4:30 during the week. The address is: 16250 N.E. 74th Street, Redmond. Materials can be checked out of the library for parents to take home for 48 hours. To arrange for an individual checkout of the curriculum, please contact: Abbie DeLong, Curriculum Library Secretary, at adelong@lwsd.org.