

SITE OPERATIONS CIRCULAR NO. 2026
Office of Secondary Schools

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: August 19, 2019

To: Principals, Grades 6-12

Subject: REQUIRED SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, GRADES 6-12

Department and/or Persons Concerned: Principals of Grades 6-12, Designated Teachers

Due Date: None

Reference: Administrative Procedure [4188](#) and CA Education Code [§§ 51930-51939](#)

Action Requested: Implement Required Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Grades 6-12.

Brief Explanation:

Required Comprehensive Sexual Health Education for Grades 6-12 is outlined below. Completion of the instruction fulfills CA Education Code requirements for comprehensive sexual health education. Principals will identify teachers of existing courses to attend professional development and implement the required curriculum during the school year. The Sexual Health Education Program will collaborate with high schools to implement the 1-hour lessons in grades 9, 11, and 12.

Grade Level	Instruction	Hours	Education Codes
6	Sexual Health Education <i>Rights, Respect, Responsibility</i>	10 hours	Ed Code 51933-51935
8	Sexual Health Education <i>Rights, Respect, Responsibility</i>	10 hours	Ed Code 51933- 51935
9	Sexual Health Education <i>Gender and Sexual Orientation*</i>	1 hour	Ed Code 51933- 51935
Biology or 10	Sexual Health Education <i>Rights, Respect, Responsibility</i>	10 hours	Ed Code 51933- 51935
11	Sexual Health Education <i>STI and HIV Prevention*</i>	1 hour	Ed Code 51933- 51935
12	Sexual Health Education <i>Consent and Relationship Rights*</i>	1 hour	Ed Code 51933- 51935

Rights, Respect, Responsibility is implemented in Grades 6 and 8 by designated teachers, and in high school in Biology classes (inclusive of students in Grades 9-12) or in another content-area class taught to all Grade 10 students.

*Instruction includes classroom lessons in site-designated content areas. Kaiser Permanente’s Educational Theater Program [What Goes Around](#) can be implemented in lieu of the Grade 11 *STI and HIV Prevention* lesson.

Professional development is required by CA Ed Code [§ 51934\(a\)](#) prior to implementing the *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum. These professional development events will be organized and presented by the Sexual Health Education Program. The flyer with registration details can be found [here](#), and staff can register for these trainings via [ERO](#). If you would like assistance with PD registration or with curriculum implementation, please contact Summer Hellewell, Resource Teacher in the Sexual Health Education Program, at shellewell@sandi.net or (619) 725-5583.

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