

Removing a Student from Human Sexuality Instruction

If your child is enrolled in the Hondo Independent School District, the following middle school and high school courses contain Human Sexuality instruction:

7th Grade Science

Students are taught the reproductive system along with the rest of the body systems during the anatomy unit.

Biology

Course objectives dealing with human growth and sexuality are listed as follows:

- The student will demonstrate a basic understanding of the structure and function of the reproductive system.

Health

Course objectives dealing with human growth and sexuality are listed as follows:

- The student will understand the consequences of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS on long-term health.
- The student will demonstrate a basic knowledge of behaviors that contribute to mental health and emotional well-being.
- The student will demonstrate a basic understanding of the structure and function of the reproductive system.

Child Development (Family and Consumer Science Course)

Concepts and skills related to individuals and the families are:

- Skills related to adult roles in making responsible interpersonal relationship decisions
- Responsible decisions in family planning
- Stages of prenatal/birth/neonatal development

The district's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), comprised of parents, community and staff members, assists in ensuring the local community values are reflected in the district's health education instruction.

State law requires that any instruction related to human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, or human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome must:

- Present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all sexual activity for unmarried persons of school age;
- Devote more attention to abstinence from sexual activity than to any other behavior; and
- Emphasize that abstinence is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity;

As a parent, you are entitled to review the curriculum materials. In addition, you may remove your child from any part of this instruction with no academic, disciplinary, or other penalties. You may also choose to become more involved with the development of curriculum used for this purpose by becoming a member of the district's SHAC. Please see the campus principal for additional information.