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The County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the importance of providing students in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools with information about family life and human sexuality. Instruction in Juvenile Court and Community Schools shall help students understand the biological, psychological, social, moral, and ethical aspects of human sexuality and shall comply with the requirements of law and administrative regulation. Lack of information or misinformation about these issues may contribute to an increased risk for sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancy, or sterility.

COURSE MATERIAL/INSTRUCTION

All course material and instruction about family life and human sexuality shall:

1. Emphasize that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only protection that is 100 percent effective against unwanted teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually. Stress that students should abstain from sexual intercourse until they are ready for marriage.
2. Be age appropriate.
3. Present factual information, including but not limited to medical, psychiatric, psychological, empirical and statistical statements, that is medically accurate. Discuss laws pertaining to financial responsibility for children born out of wedlock.
4. When discussing all forms of contraception, stress that abstinence is the only contraceptive method that is 100 percent effective and that all other methods of contraception carry a risk of failure in preventing unwanted teenage pregnancy. Stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards of sexual intercourse and other sexual activities.
5. Advise students of the provisions of Health and Safety Code section 1255.7 and Penal Code section 271.5, relating to parents and others who voluntarily surrender physical custody of a minor child 72 hours old or younger at a hospital emergency room or other designated location without being subject to prosecution for a violation of certain crimes such as child abandonment.

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6. Advise students that it is unlawful pursuant to Penal Code section 261.5 for males or females of any age to have sexual intercourse with males or females under the age of 18 to whom they are not married.
7. Emphasize that students have the power to control personal behavior. Students shall be encouraged to base their actions on reasoning, self-discipline, sense of responsibility, self-control, informed decision-making, and ethical considerations such as respect for one's self and others.
8. Teach students to not make unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances, how to refuse unwanted sexual advances, and to respect rejections of any sexual advances. Instruction shall contain methods of preventing sexual assault by an acquaintance, including exercising good judgment and avoiding behavior that impairs good judgment, and shall also encourage youth to resist negative peer pressure. Advise students that it is unlawful to touch an intimate part of another person, as specified in Penal Code section 243.4(d).
9. Teach students that it is wrong to take advantage of, or to exploit, another person.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION

The designated program administrator shall provide written notification to parents/guardians of students enrolled in schools and programs operated by the County Superintendent of Schools prior to any instruction in which human reproductive organs and their functions, processes are described, illustrated, or discussed. In addition, before any instruction on family life, human sexuality, AIDS or sexually transmitted diseases is given, the parent/guardian shall be provided with written notice explaining that the instruction will be given and stating the parent's/guardian's right to request a copy of Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51553. This notification shall inform parents/guardians that they may request in writing that their child not attend the class. Any written or audiovisual material to be used in the instruction shall be available for inspection by the parent/guardian in accordance with Education Code section 51550.

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At the time of a student's enrollment, the designated program administrator shall notify parents/guardians of any outside organization or guest speaker, as defined in Education Code section 51554, brought in to provide instruction on family life, human sexuality, AIDS, or sexually transmitted diseases. This notification shall include the date of the instruction, the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker, and information regarding the parent's/guardian's right to request a copy of Education Code sections 51201.5 and 51553. If arrangements for the instruction are made after the student's enrollment, notification shall be made no fewer than 10, and no more than 15, days before the instruction is delivered.

The certification document of any person charged with the responsibility of making any instructional material available for inspection under Education Code section 51550 and who knowingly and willfully fails to make such instructional material available for inspection or to notify such parent or guardian be revoked or suspended because of such act. The certification document of any person who knowingly and willfully requires a pupil to attend a class as described in Education Code section 51550 when a request that the pupil not attend has been received from the parent or guardian may be revoked or suspended because of such act.

Legal Reference: Education Code
51201.5, 51202, 51240, 51550, 51553-51555, 51820
Health and Safety Code
1255.7
Penal Code
243.4, 261.5, 271.5
Public Law 107-110
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Section 9526