

SITE OPERATIONS CIRCULAR NO. 1020

Office of Leadership and Learning

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: August 27, 2021

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:

Requirements for delivering comprehensive Sexual Health Education for Grades 6-12, whether offered via an online or classroom-based learning model, are outlined below. Completion of this instruction fulfills CA Education Code requirements for comprehensive sexual health education and follows California Department of Education guidelines to implement all required instruction even if instruction transitions to online learning. Principals will identify teachers of existing courses to attend professional development and implement the required curriculum during the school year.

The Board-approved *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum will be implemented online or in the classroom in Grades 6 and 8 by designated teachers, and in high school Biology (inclusive of students in Grades 9-12) or in another content area taught to all Grade 10 students. See chart below for instructional details.

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
High School Biology or 10	Sexual Health Education <i>Rights, Respect, Responsibility</i>	10 hours	Ed Code 51933- 51935

Per SDUSD, if a previously trained Sex Ed teacher is new to teaching the online curriculum, they must participate in a professional development prior to implementing the online *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum. Details about this professional development will be communicated to previously trained Sex Ed teachers by the Sexual Health Education Program.

Professional development for new Sex Ed teachers is required by CA Ed Code [§ 51934\(a\)](#) prior to implementing the *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum. A flyer with registration details will be forthcoming. If someone would like assistance with PD registration or with curriculum implementation, please contact Summer Hellewell, SHEP Resource Teacher, at shellewell@sandi.net.

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