

 Tucson, Arizona POLICY REGULATION	REGULATION TITLE: Family Life Education
	CODE: IHAMB-R

Instruction in Sex Education

Grades 9-12

- A course in sex education may be provided in the high Schools of Arizona
- Lessons shall not include tests, psychological inventories, surveys, or examinations containing any questions about personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality, values, or religion on the part of students or their parents.

Content of Instruction (Grades K-12):

- All sex education materials and instruction shall be age appropriate, shall recognize the needs of exceptional students, shall meet the needs of the District, shall recognize local community standards and sensitivities, shall not include the teaching of abnormal, deviate or unusual sexual acts and practices, and shall include the following:
 - Emphasis upon the power of individuals to control their own personal behavior. Students shall be encouraged to base their actions on reasoning, self-discipline, sense of responsibility, self-control, and ethical considerations such as respect for self and others.
 - Instruction on how to say “no” to unwanted sexual advances and to resist negative peer pressure. Students shall be taught that it is wrong to take advantage of, or to exploit, another person.
 - Instruction on the laws relating to sexual conduct with a minor.
- All sex education materials and instruction that discuss sexual intercourse shall:
 - Stress that students should abstain from sexual intercourse until they are mature adults.
 - Emphasize that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the only method for avoiding pregnancy that is one hundred percent (100%) effective.
 - Stress that sexually transmitted diseases have severe consequences and constitute a serious and widespread public health problem.
 - Include a discussion of the possible emotional and psychological consequences of preadolescent and adolescent sexual intercourse and the consequences of preadolescent and adolescent pregnancy.
 - Promote honor and respect for monogamous heterosexual marriage.

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- Advise students of Arizona law pertaining to the financial responsibilities of parenting and legal liabilities related to sexual intercourse with a minor.

Instruction on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and Human Immunodeficiency Virus

The District will develop its own course of study for each grade. At a minimum, instruction shall:

- Be appropriate to the grade level in which it is offered.
- Be medically accurate.
- Promote abstinence.
- Discourage drug use.
- Dispel myths regarding transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus.

Nothing shall be included in the course of study instruction that:

- Promotes a homosexual life style
- Suggests that some methods of sex are safe methods of homosexual sex.

The District may request that the Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Department of Education, review instruction materials to determine their medical accuracy.

The District may request that the Department of Education provide the following assistance:

- A suggested course of study.
- Teacher training.
- A list of available films and other teaching aids.

At the request of a parent, a student shall be excused from instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the human immunodeficiency virus. The District shall notify all parents of their ability to withdraw their children from the instruction.

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