



Santa Ana Unified School District

Jerry Almendarez
Superintendent of Schools

February 24, 2021

Dear Valley High School Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of the Santa Ana Unified School District's plan to comply with the California Healthy Youth Act (California Education Code 51930-51939), as well as your rights under it. The California Healthy Youth Act is a state law that requires school districts to provide comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education to students at least once in middle school and once in high school, beginning in grade 7.

The California Healthy Youth Act also requires school districts notify parents of when this required instruction is planned to be provided, such that they may opt their child(ren) out of the instruction. Valley High School will be providing the required instruction on March 29-April 16, 2021.

The instruction will be delivered online through asynchronous assignments assigned through SAUSD's Canvas LMS (Learning Management System).

OR

The instruction will be delivered through synchronous instruction through the Zoom online meeting platform. Assignments will be assigned through SAUSD's Canvas LMS (Learning Management System).

All teachers have been trained to provide instruction in an unbiased, factual-based manner. Instruction must encourage students to communicate with parents, guardians or other trusted adults about human sexuality. Instruction must be medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students.

The purpose of this instruction, as delineated under Education Code section 51930, is to:

- Provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and from unintended pregnancy.
- Provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family.
- Promote understanding of sexuality as a normal part of human development.
- Ensure students receive integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention instruction and provide educators with clear tools and guidance to accomplish that end.

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- Provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to have healthy, positive, and safe relationships and behaviors.

You are permitted to inspect the curriculum and teaching resources upon request. Due to COVID-19, we ask that you contact laura.compton@sausd.us to inspect the curriculum and teaching resources online. Please put "Request to Inspect Sexual Health Materials" in the subject heading. If you do not have access to the internet, you may request to inspect the curriculum and teaching resources by making an appointment with mayra.gonzalez@sausd.us or by calling (714) 558-5724. Safety protocols must be followed when entering the District Office.

You may also view the California Healthy Youth Act (California Education Code Sections 51930-51939) by visiting bit.ly/3bgfytty.

You may also choose to not have your child participate in all or part of comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention instruction. If you do not want your student to participate in comprehensive sexual health/HIV prevention education, please email or provide a signed, written request to our school principal, Katie Berger (Katherine.Berger@sausd.us) by March 19, 2021. The written request should state that you are excusing your child from the instruction, and specify whether from all or a specific part of it, include the child's name. The written request does not need to provide a reason for the excusal.

Sincerely,

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