



The School District of Manatee County Health Education Guidelines

The following guidelines will be utilized for all K-I2 health education instruction and speakers/programs

F.S. 1003.42 (2) (n) Comprehensive health education that addresses concepts of community health; consumer health; environmental health; family life, including an awareness of the benefits of sexual abstinence as the expected standard and the consequences of teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional health; injury prevention and safety; nutrition; personal health; prevention and control of disease; and substance use and abuse. The health education curriculum for students in grades 7 through 12 shall include a teen dating violence and abuse component that includes, but is not limited to, the definition of dating violence and abuse, the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse, and community resources available to victims of dating violence and abuse.

1. Instruction will align with state and local health education standards and benchmarks. Health education information will be presented in a factual manner that is sequential and developmentally appropriate. Information shall be based upon nationally recognized health organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control, National Institute of Health, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the World Health Organization or be consistent with model or promising programs.
2. Parents will be notified regarding the scheduling and content of human growth and development instruction prior to implementation. F.S. 1003.42 (3) (Any student whose parent or guardian makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment.)
3. It is the intent of the Legislature that primary prevention training for all children in kindergarten through grade 12 be encouraged in the district school system through the training of school teachers, guidance counselors, parents, and children. "Primary prevention and training program" means a training and educational program for children, parents, and teachers which is directed toward preventing the occurrence of child abuse, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and drug and alcohol abuse, and toward reducing the vulnerability of children through training of children and through including coordination with, and training for, parents and school personnel. F.S. 39.0015 (2) (c)
4. Teachers and speakers shall not advocate controversial issues such as right-to-life or abortion, and shall refer students to their families for information and values regarding these issues.
5. All outside speakers:
 - Will be carefully screened regarding the content of their presentation to ensure adherence to these guidelines.
 - Will be given a copy of the health education guidelines to review and sign prior to their presentation to students.
 - Must document professional experience, background and/or education with credentials, which support their subject matter expertise.
 - Must demonstrate professional attitudes, dress, language, and behavior.
6. The content of the program:
 - Must not contain self-promotion, marketing, or advertising.
 - Must maintain consistent program standards that align with the district curriculum. If there is a change in the presentation, or if there are new or additional speakers, the program coordinator must immediately notify the Health Education Advisory Committee chairman for approval.
 - May not utilize any pre and post testing, surveys, or questionnaires unless they are approved prior to use.
 - Will be evaluated by teachers and/or committee members during classroom presentations for adherence to health education guidelines.
7. Principals and teachers will advise students and parents in advance of speakers and special presentations that include health education issues. (Any student whose parent or guardian makes written request to the school principal shall be exempted from the teaching of reproductive health or disease, including HIV/AIDS, its symptoms, development, and treatment.)

I have read and agree to follow the above guidelines when making presentations of approved programs in Manatee District Schools.

Organization Name: _____

Printed Name of Representative

Signature

Date