Sexual Health & Instruction

What You Should Know

Kirkwood School District's <u>Policy IGAEB: Sexual Health Instruction</u> clearly states that "parents/guardians should be the primary source of sexuality education for their children" and that the District's course materials and instruction relating to human sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases will meet the policy guidelines as required by state law.

Please take time to familiarize yourself with this policy and the referenced statutes!

The KSD Administration and Board of Education have confirmed publicly that Policy IGAEB applies to <u>ALL KSD instruction and materials</u>, not just the official sexual education units taught in Health class. Yet countless attempts to get clarity on why our children are receiving, reading, and learning sexually explicit content that clearly violates this policy in many classes have been futile.

Policy such as this exists to protect children and to ensure that parents' rights are preserved and applied. The District affirms that parents should be notified prior to the sexual instruction unit in Health class, yet it freely provides and assigns resources in other classes that are extremely sexual in nature (in some cases even pornographic, as defined in <u>Missouri Law Chapter 573</u>) without parental knowledge or consent.

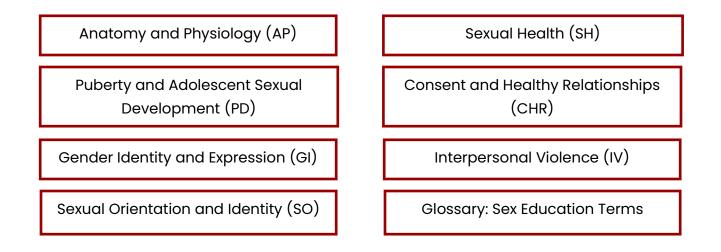
There is <u>a lot to unpack</u> here but it is important that parents and community members understand the nature of what is occurring in our schools. When policies and practices that are in place to *protect* our children are violated and calls for accountability are met with resistance, deflection or asserted loopholes by KSD, our children are in danger and our parental rights are being denied.

The KSD K-12 Health Curriculum is up for <u>official review</u> and rewriting in Spring

2022. The time to educate yourself about what might be coming is <u>NOW</u>. Official KSD documents and the KSD website have directed parents to the 2nd Edition of the <u>National Sex Education Standards (NSES</u>), despite this highly controversial 2nd Edition not being approved by the Board of Education or presented to the community. To be clear, official Health class instruction has not shifted to this version yet but it is alarming that this has been presented by KSD as an official resource, and it is likely that it will be considered during the curriculum process this spring. **Pay attention.**

2nd Edition of NSES Standards by grade level (click on the grades):

2nd Edition of NSES Standards by topic (click on the topic to see them by grade level):



All examples and narratives that KFEI shares are **verified**.

If you would like to submit an experience or resource that you think the KSD community should be aware of please do so <u>here</u>.

Sources of examples will be protected as confidential, but all accounts must be fully verified and supported by documentation and/or firsthand experience. The integrity of this effort is critical and KFEI reserves the right to use discretion when choosing what to share.