



HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION SUMMARY

What human sexuality units are currently taught in District 11?

5th grade *Passage Into Puberty* Unit

- Focuses on puberty and human reproductive systems
- Standards-based
- Optional for teachers and schools
- Teacher training available

Middle School Health Units

- Taught each year in middle school through science classes
- Standards-based
- Sixth grade – self-esteem, puberty, human reproductive systems
- Seventh grade – healthy relationships, abstinence-focused, contraception
- Eighth grade – healthy relationships, abstinence-focused, contraception, sexually transmitted infections
- Teacher training required

High School Health Course

- One semester graduation requirement
- Standards-based
- Includes human sexuality unit as part of the course

What new requirements exist in CO HB19-1032 Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education?

If a district chooses to teach sexual education, then they must provide lessons on consent which is defined in the law as “the affirmative, unambiguous, voluntary, continuous, knowing agreement between all participants in each physical act within the course of a sexual encounter or interpersonal relationship.” (Refer to Section 2.b.5)

Students will know “how to communicate consent, recognize communication of consent, recognize withdrawal of consent, and understand age of consent.” (Refer to Section 2.1)

What will change because of CO HB19-1032?

- Students learn about consent as defined above

What will not change because of CO HB10-1032?

- D11 will continue to deliver evidence-based, medically accurate, and age-appropriate sexual education aligned to CO state standards for comprehensive health.
- D11 will continue to take into account the needs of all students and not utilize scare tactics, judgment, bias or shaming in our teaching practices around sexual education.
- D11 will continue to be able to choose their own health curriculum.
- D11 will notify parents when human sexuality units are being taught.
- Parents will have the right to opt their child out of sex education.

Will District 11 adopt HB1032?

Since D11 has elected to teach Comprehensive Health Education including sexual education, the district will adhere to HB1032.

Will District 11 adopt new curriculum?

D11 will not need to adopt new health curriculum in order to meet the requirements in HB1032. At some point D11 will adopt new health curriculum to provide updated, medically accurate information for our teachers and students. The adoption of new instructional materials in D11 requires a period for public review and Board of Education approval.

Will sexual education be taught in kindergarten?

No, sexual education will begin in fifth grade.

Want to learn more?

D11 BOE Policy IHAM	http://bit.ly/D11policyIHAM
D11 BOE Policy IMBB	http://bit.ly/D11policyIMBB
D11 Comprehensive Health Curriculum	https://www.d11.org/Page/3843
CO 2020 Comprehensive Health Standards	http://bit.ly/COhealthstand
CO Comprehensive Health Act	http://bit.ly/COcomphealthact
CO HB19-1032 Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education	https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb19-1032
Chalkbeat article summarizing HB19-1032	http://bit.ly/33Girng