

Lago Vista ISD

SHAC Meeting
February 24, 2022



Human Sexuality Curriculum Update

- What's new for school districts:
 - Districts must adopt a policy establishing a process for the adoption of curriculum materials for the school district's human sexuality instruction.
 - SHACS must hold two public meetings prior to adopting sex education curriculum.
 - Districts must post public domain curriculum materials online.

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- What's new for parents:
 - Parents must provide written permission to actively opt their children into sex education. This provision is only in place through 2024.
 - Parents have the right to review sex education curriculum at their student's home campus.
 - Parents have the right to purchase sex education curriculum from the publisher.

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- The New Health TEKS
 - The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (or TEKS for short) are the minimum curriculum standards that school districts must teach to students. TEKS are the floor, not the ceiling, and districts can always "teach beyond the TEKS" if they choose to.
 - The Health Education TEKS are part of the enrichment curriculum. Health TEKS must be provided to students at the elementary and middle school level, but are elective at the high school level.
 - New Health TEKS are rolling out next year.

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- What must be covered in terms of human sexuality?
 - Age-appropriate information biology, puberty, and menstruation
 - Human reproduction
 - The importance of abstinence
 - Contraception
 - Prevention, screening, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections
 - Healthy friendships, relationships, and marriage
 - Setting boundaries and respecting the boundaries of other people

Human Sexuality Curriculum Update

- What is our current curriculum?
 - Draw the Line, Respect the Line (Abstinence Version) - adopted in 2015
- How did was it chosen?
 - The Texas Department of State Health Services presented the five available curricula to the LVISD Student Health Advisory Committee. The SHAC convened a subcommittee to conduct an in-depth review of each program offered by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The president of the ministerial alliance participated in this review session. The district also gathered survey data on this topic from each campus. After a half-day meeting, the subcommittee presented the top two selections to the SHAC. A special session was held in which all members were invited to review the materials and ask questions of the representative from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The SHAC voted on the final recommendation, “Draw the Line, Respect the Line (Abstinence Version)”.

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- What is the focus of the curriculum?
 - It is an evidence-based curriculum that promotes abstinence by providing students in grades 6, 7 and 8 with the knowledge and skills to prevent HIV, other STD and pregnancy. Using an interactive approach, the program shows students how to set personal limits and meet challenges to those limits. Lessons also include the importance of respecting others' personal limits.
 - There are parent communication activities that help establish open dialogue with children and parents to foster comfort in addressing these topics in daily life.
 - All parent communication activities are provided in both English and Spanish.

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- Where are we today?
 - Our current curriculum meets all content requirements.
 - Publishers are catching up with creating parent preview options. (There is currently one.)
 - There is also word of a State-developed curriculum option in the works.
 - We will continue to monitor human sexuality curriculum options and establish a timeline for review that will allow us to proceed with a process that is equally in depth and comprehensive as the one used by the District in 2015.

Other Updates

- 3 of the 4 construction projects are underway.
- The 4th is delayed indefinitely due to growth.
- Demographics Update
 - Posted on the Lago Vista ISD homepage.

PE & Physical Activity Subcommittee Report

- Activity breaks are being encouraged and incorporated into all subjects in each classroom at the elementary, Go-Noodle style .
- Recess... No restriction of recess for discipline or make-up work. Hoping to have elementary return to 2 recess times again as soon as Covid restrictions allow.
- Fitnessgram will resume the normal process this year. Lago does above average typically but could improve, especially in aerobic capacity.
- Look for ways to add activities for students not on an athletic team - club/intramural type activities as we grow and have larger numbers of students. Would need parental involvement to support this...

PE & Physical Activity Subcommittee Report

- Now that Intermediate is staying where they are, consider simple additions to the recess options. Parent-built ground level ninja warrior/stations challenge area or similar...
- Healthy Kids Running Series - Sunday afternoons 2-3 hrs over a 5 week span of time option for physical activity that involves whole family.
- This committee to be included on playground design for new Elementary.
- Will there be an open-field play area at the new elementary school campus, room enough for the annual 1 mile run?

Other Updates

