



## Human Growth and Development, HIV/AIDS Curriculum Preview

**Purpose:** Parents or guardians of elementary students in grades four through six and of junior high students in grades seven through nine are invited to preview the school district’s approved sexual health and HIV/AIDS curriculum.

### Laws and policies pertaining to HGD

HGD/Sexuality Curriculum is divided in to two categories:

#### HIV/AIDS Education

- Required annually by Washington state law starting no later than 5<sup>th</sup> grade (AIDS Omnibus Act)
- HIV/AIDS prevention education must:
  - Be approved for medical accuracy
  - Address the life-threatening dangers of HIV/AIDS, its transmission, and its prevention
  - Include behaviors that place a person at risk of contracting HIV and methods to avoid such risk

#### Everything Else

- The Healthy Youth Act (RCW: 28A.300.475) requires that when teaching sexual health education, schools must assure that the instruction:
  - Is medically and scientifically accurate.
  - Is age appropriate.
  - Is appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, or sexual orientation.
  - Includes information about abstinence and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases

Can be taught 30 days following preview date

Check with your teacher regarding the timeline for this curriculum

Washington is one of the few states that allow parents to choose to have their students excluded from this curriculum.

### Curriculum Adopted by the Puyallup SD

<b>A. Schoology</b> Group = Human Growth and Development Preview <b>Access Code to join:</b> NGR6-XBJ7-2DRNB	<b>B. Health and Fitness Web Page</b> <a href="http://www.Puyallup.k12.wa.us">www.Puyallup.k12.wa.us</a>
The most complete information with curriculum and videos can be found in the <b>Human Growth and Development Preview Schoology GROUP</b> . Due to copyright laws we are not able to share some curriculum and videos on our web page.	From the Puyallup SD web page use the main menu to select Departments/Programs, then Click on Health & Fitness. Grade level info is on the left menu. Videos and FLASH curriculum is not available here.

**KNOW** Curriculum that teaches about HIV/AIDS was developed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Health. KNOW is a statewide curriculum that was adopted by the Puyallup SD.

**FLASH** Curriculum (Family Life and Sexual Health) – info on the Everything Else comes from the FLASH curriculum.

### **Redactions**

While adopting and reviewing these curriculum programs, the PSD has chosen that certain sections will not be taught in our courses. Redactions can be found on the PSD website along with the curriculum.

### **Teacher Responses**

Teachers in the Puyallup SD are instructed to follow the curriculum, and to answer questions from a medical, biological, physiological standpoint, not from a philosophical standpoint. When questions or topics come up in class that are not part of the curriculum or are not age appropriate, teachers are instructed to give something similar to this response:

*Since families have different opinions on this topic, we ask that you go home and find out what your family believes.*

### **Choosing to opt out of the curriculum**

Parents can choose to exclude their student from the HGD or HIV/AIDS curriculum. After viewing the curriculum, the parent can complete the opt-out and return it to their child's school.

During sexuality lessons, students who have opted-out of the curriculum should be discretely pulled out of class during those times. Each school has a different plan for working with these students. Human Growth and Development lessons are not graded, so the student is not losing out on the grade.

Parents are encouraged to contact the teacher about this if they have questions.

## **Preview Materials**

In the Schoology group, you have a chance to view the grade-level curriculum and video materials.

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