



In recent months, you may have heard information in the media about the California Healthy Youth Act, 2019 Health Education Curriculum Framework, and FAIR Education Act. The Alhambra Unified School District is complying with the California Healthy Youth Act, 2019 Health Education Curriculum Framework, and FAIR Education Act in the following ways:

1. The California Healthy Youth Act requires that students in grades 7-12 receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education at least once in middle school and once in high school. The Alhambra Unified School District teaches comprehensive sexual health education to students in 8th and 9th grade.
2. Comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education may be taught in grades K-6. Content that is required in grades 7-12 may be also be included in an age-appropriate way in earlier grades. (EC §§ 51933, 51934(b).) The Alhambra Unified School District provides 5th grade students with instruction in human growth, development, and sexual health.
3. The Alhambra Unified School District uses the Teen Talk and Puberty Talk curriculum published by Health Connected, one of three curriculums approved by the California State Board of Education, to teach comprehensive sexual health education to students in 5th, 8th, and 9th grade.
4. The California Healthy Youth Act requires that sexual health education be appropriate for use with students of all genders and sexual orientations (EC § 51933(d)) and clearly states that part of the intent of the law is “to provide pupils with the knowledge and skills they need to develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family.” (EC § 51930(b)(2).) The California Healthy Youth Act also prohibits sexual health education classes from promoting bias against anyone on the basis of any category protected by Education Code § 220, which includes actual or perceived gender and sexual orientation. The Alhambra Unified School District uses the Puberty Talk and Teen Talk curriculum to teach students about sexual orientation and gender/gender identity to students in 5th, 8th, and 9th grade.
5. The Alhambra Unified School District notifies parents at the beginning of the school year and/or two weeks prior to beginning instruction. The notice informs parents that they may review the written and audiovisual educational materials used in the comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education course. A parent/guardian has the right to excuse their child from all or part of comprehensive sexual health education, HIV prevention education, and assessments related to that education through a passive consent (“opt-out”) process except instruction or materials outside the context of comprehensive sexual health education, including those that may reference gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, discrimination, bullying, relationships, or family.

6. The 2019 Health Education Curriculum Framework does not mandate what should or should not be taught. The framework provides guidance to teachers in using inclusive classroom language to make all students feel comfortable at school. The framework helps teachers provide safe and healthy learning environments free from bullying and harassment. The Alhambra Unified School District's only health curriculum is Puberty Talk and Teen Talk which is taught in 5th and 8th grade.
7. The FAIR Education Act, signed into law in 2012, requires that *History–Social Science* instructional materials adopted at the state or local level include coverage of the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons and people with disabilities to the history of California and the United States. The Alhambra Unified School District uses the following textbooks published in 2005 and 2007 for History-Social Science instruction in 1st-8th grade and do not teach about the contributions of LGBTQ people or people with disabilities. The district will follow the California State Board of Education adoption process when new social studies textbooks are adopted.
8. Newly adopted High School Social Science textbooks are aligned with the FAIR Act. K-8 will adopt Social Science textbooks in the next few years. Parents/guardians may not opt their child out of lessons that discuss sexual orientation. (California Education Code § 51932(b).)

If you would like more information about the California Healthy Youth Act, 2019 Health Education Curriculum Framework or the FAIR Education Act, please visit the California Department of Education's websites.

California Healthy Youth Act: Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/se/faq.asp>

2019 Health Education Curriculum Framework: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/he/cf/> OR
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/he/cf/cahealthfaq.asp>

FAIR Education Act: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/senatebill48faq.asp>