MITCH Charter School

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Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education**

The public charter school shall provide an age appropriate, comprehensive plan of instruction focusing on human sexuality, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections and disease prevention in elementary and secondary schools as an integral part of health education and other subjects. Course material and instruction for all human sexuality education courses that discuss human sexuality shall enhance a student's understanding of sexuality as a normal and healthy aspect of human development.

A part of the comprehensive plan of instruction shall provide age-appropriate child sexual abuse prevention instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 5. The public charter school must provide a minimum of four instructional sessions annually; one instructional session is equal to one standard class period.

Parents, teachers, school administrators, local health departments staff, other community representatives and persons from the medical community who are knowledgeable of the latest scientific information and effective education strategies shall develop the plan of instruction and align it with the Oregon Health Education Standards and Benchmarks.

The Board shall approve the plan of instruction and require that it be reviewed and updated biennially in accordance with new scientific information and effective educational strategies.

Parents of minor students shall be notified in advance of any human sexuality or AIDS/HIV instruction. Any parent may request that their child be excused from that portion of the instructional program under the procedures set forth in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 336.035(2).

The comprehensive plan of instruction shall include information and emphasize skills-based instruction in compliance with law.

Materials and information shall be presented in a manner sensitive to the fact that there are students who have experienced, perpetrated or witnessed sexual abuse and relationship violence.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

<u>ORS 336</u>.035 <u>ORS 336</u>.059 <u>ORS 336</u>.107 <u>ORS 336</u>.455 - 336.474 <u>ORS 338</u>.115 <u>ORS 339</u>.370 - 339.400

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