

## **MOUNT BAKER POLICY 2125** **SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION**

The Mount Baker Board of Directors is authorized by law to determine whether sexual health education instruction will be offered in the district. The board has determined that such a program will be offered to students, consistent with state law.

Sexual health education instruction offered by the district will be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, or sexual orientation and include information about abstinence and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence will not be taught to the exclusion of other instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. The district's sexual health education program will be consistent with the *Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention* developed by the Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superintendent will provide parents/guardians an opportunity to review the materials to be used and provide information on excluding their child from sexual health education instruction.

Cross Reference:

MB Policy 2020	Curriculum Development and Adoption of Instructional Materials
MB Policy 2126	HIV/AIDS Prevention Education

Legal References:

RCW 28A.300.475	Medically Accurate Sexual Health Education — Curricula — Participation excused — Parental review
RCW 28A.600.480(2)	Reporting of harassment, intimidation, or bullying-- Retaliation prohibited — Immunity
WAC 392-410-140	Sexual health education — Definition — Optional course or subject matter — Excusal of students

Management Resources:

*Policy News*, February 2009 — Healthy Youth Act  
*Policy News*, August 2007 — Sex Education Curriculum and Instruction