

Dear Wall ISD Parents

In response to Senate Bill 283, Wall ISD is providing written notice to provide human sexuality instruction to students.

Senate Bill 283 specifies: Each school year, a school district shall provide written notice to a parent of each student enrolled in the district of the board of trustees' decision regarding whether the district will provide human sexuality instruction to district students. If instruction will be provided, the notice must include:

1. A summary of the basic content of the district's human sexuality instructions to be provided to the students, including a statement informing the parent of the instructional requirements under state law.
2. A statement of the parent's right to:
 - a. Review the curriculum materials as provided by Subsection (j); and
 - b. Remove the student from any part of the district's human sexuality instruction without subjecting the student to any disciplinary action, academic penalty, or other sanction imposed by the district or the student's school; and
3. Information describing the opportunities for parental involvement in the development of the curriculum to be used in human sexuality instruction, including information regarding the local school health advisory council established under Subsection (a).

Wall ISD wishes to inform you of the programs offered related to human sexuality and development.

Elementary - 4th grade girls and 5th grade girls and boys will be exposed to basic puberty education using the Always Changing video and program. Parents will have the opportunity to preview the video prior to student viewing and may choose not have their child participate in the program. Boys and girls will be separated for the program.

Middle School – 6th grade students will be exposed to basic reproductive system and abstinence education in their health education class. 7th and 8th grade students are able to participate in the Scott and White Worth the Wait program. The Wall ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) feels that the three tiered program taught through funding and educators from the Shannon Right Choices for Youth Program, best meets the needs of Wall ISD students at the middle school age. More information about the Worth the Wait curriculum is available at www.worththewait.org.

High School - Currently students are required to have 1 semester of health education. The Wall High School Health Education classes cover human sexuality in several ways. Sexually transmitted diseases are covered along with unwanted pregnancy as a consequence for the choice to have casual/unprotected sex. The state mandated P.A.P.A. curriculum (Parenting and Paternal Awareness) is used to teach students the realities of bringing a child into the world from a legal as well as a nurturing standpoint. The overall objective of the lessons is to teach students that they have choices and control regarding their sexual health. Abstinence is taught as the safest choice. Other resources used are the Lifetime Health textbook and the Aim for Success abstinence curriculum.

All curriculums and programs used for Wall ISD students are approved by the local SHAC (School Health Advisory Council) and are research based.

Wall ISD also offers leadership groups on both the middle school and high school campuses. Both of these organizations, CORE (middle school) and MASH (high school), are groups that any student can join and focus on teaching students the dangers and consequences of risky behaviors such as underage drinking and premature sexual activity, through development of leadership skills. Occasionally guest speakers are brought in dealing with these subjects and if appropriate parents will receive notification of program content.

Letters are sent home, if indicated, prior to presentation of curriculum materials informing parents of program details and securing permission for their student to participate. Please be aware that parents have the right to exempt their child from these lessons and an alternate lesson will be provided.

A copy of this notice will be provided on the Wall ISD website under Parent Resources.