

# Weslaco ISD Community Meeting House Bill 1525

July 6, 2022 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

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Link: https://meet.google.com/gbu-bkuv-hki

# What is the SHAC's role?

- Each Texas school district is required by State law to have School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).
- A SHAC is made up of parents, community volunteers, as well as district staff, appointed by the school board.
- The SHAC's are charged with ensuring that local values are reflected into health education.

# House Bill 1525

- According to Texas House Bill 1525, all Texas Public School Districts must decide if they will offer instruction on human sexuality.
- On June 21, 2022, the Weslaco ISD Board of Trustees voted on and approved a formal resolution for the SHAC committee to research and recommend a Human Sexuality Curriculum for Weslaco ISD.

## **PROCESS**



## **Human Sexuality Instruction Requirements**

### **BOARD POLICY**

School boards must adopt a policy on the process for adoption of materials for human sexuality instruction.

### BOARD VOTE ON ADOPTION

The board will take actions on the SHAC's recommendations "by a record vote at a public miceting,"

### PARENT NOTIFICATION

Parents must be notified prior to each school year about the district's offering of instruction.



Policy

**Board Adopts** 



**SHAC Holds** Two Meetings



**Board Votes On** Recommendations



**Parents Notified Prior to** Instruction

### **BOARD RESOLUTION**

Board policy must require the board to adopt a resolution convening the SHAC to determine the curriculum.

### SHAC MEETINGS

The SHAC must hold at least two public meetings and follow procedural requirements that are similar to the Texas Open Meetings Act Requirements.

### PARENT CONSENT

At least 14 days before instruction, parents must receive additional notice and a request for parental consent to opt into human sexuality instruction.



Parents Opt Into Instruction





# **How the Process Works**

- 1.) The school board issues a resolution directing the SHAC to review curriculum and make a recommendation. (\*This occurred at our last board meeting July 21, 2022)
- 2.) The SHAC reviews curriculum and holds at least <u>2 public meetings</u> before selecting their recommendation.
- **3.)** The SHAC presents the curriculum recommendation to the school board.
- **4.)** The school board adopts the curriculum through a record vote at a public meeting.
- 5.) Before campuses provide the new curriculum, they must send extensive notices to parents/guardians describing the content that will be content that will be taught.
  Parents/guardians must provide consent to opt their children into this instruction.

# Why are we here today?

The objective of this meeting is to ensure the community has the opportunity to review the **ONLY** State Board of Education(SBOE) approved curriculum for Texas school districts and provide feedback.

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# Parent's Rights

- Before a student may be provided with instruction related to human sexuality,
   Weslaco ISD must obtain written consent from the student's parent/guardian.
  - PARENTS MUST OPT-IN FOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE
- As a parent/guardian, you have the right to preview the curriculum(s) at any time.
- Your child's campus will share information regarding parent education opportunities that will be offered throughout the school year allowing you to preview the material(s) and ask questions of your child's campus leaders.
- Parents will be notified at least 14 days before each instructional presentation.



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# **Companion Middle School Overview**

### **Chapter 17: Puberty**

- Beginning of Life
- Adolescence and Puberty
- Sexual Feelings and Behavior
- Dating Relationships

### **Chapter 18: Preventing and Responding to Violence**

- Abuse and Neglect
- Other Types of Violence
- Unwanted Sexual Activity

### **Chapter 19: Making Responsible Sexual Decisions**

- Pregnancy Prevention
- Teen Pregnancy and Parenthood

# Chapter 20: Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's) and HIV/AIDS

- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's)
- HIV/AIDS





# **Companion Material for High School Overview**

### **Chapter 20: The Beginning of Life**

- The Male Reproductive System
- The Female Reproductive System
- Conception, Pregnancy, and Birth
- Adolescence and Puberty
- Teen Pregnancy and Parenthood

# **Chapter 21: Relationships and Sexual Abstinence**

- Understanding Romantic Relationships
- Practicing Sexual Abstinence

### **Chapter 22: Violence Prevention and Response**

- Sexual Harassment and Assault
- Abuse and Neglect
- Violence in the Community

# Chapter 23: Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV/AIDS

- The Male Reproductive System
- The Female Reproductive System
- Conception, Pregnancy, and Birth
- Adolescence and Puberty
- Teen Pregnancy and Parenthood



# Goodheart-Willcox Presenter: Christina Francisco, Educational Consultant



2nd Community Meeting Thursday, July 28th 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Professional Learning Center 608 N. Cantu Weslaco, Texas 78596

# THANK YOU!!!!

# Please take a few minutes to fill out survey

Survey

