

Middle School Health Curriculum

Program Implementation:

District Priorities, Pilot roll-out, Parent Communication

Board Presentation - May 30, 2018

Orange Unified School District

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District priorities

- Protect Parental Rights
- Maintain Opt-Out Preferences (7th & 8th Grades)
- Keep District Families Well-Informed
- Meet State Compliance Standards

General Overview



Background

- In 2015, California Legislature passed ***California Healthy Youth Act***
- The Act makes changes to HIV and comprehensive sexual health education curriculum
 - To develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, positive relationships, marriage, and family
 - To ensure pupils receive integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased sexual health and HIV prevention instruction and provide educators with clear tools and guidance to accomplish that end
- The Act took effect in 2016
- Curriculum must be taught once in middle and once in high school



Pilot Program

- OUSD spent a year developing a State compliant pilot program
- Teacher, Parent and Board Member suggestions were received and taken into consideration
- Pilot design is a total of 10 hours - 5 hours in 7th grade and 5 in 8th grade
- Full Parent Opt Out available
- Was originally scheduled for June 2018



Communications



On-going Communication



School

- Recorded Phone School Messenger
- Parent Email Messages
- Parent Notification Letter/Opt Out sent home with students

District

- Curriculum Staff Available
- In-Office Material Review
- Parent Opt-Out Forms
- PTA and GATE Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meetings

Program Overview



What The Program Contains

OUSD Pilot Program	
Full Parental Opt-Out (7 th /8 th Grade)	✓
Medically Accurate Information	✓
Encourages Parental Communication	✓
Provides Abstinence Alternatives	✓
Encourages Good Decision Making	✓
Provides explicit, in-class demonstrations	NO
Discourages Faith-Based Values	NO





Pilot Program Next Steps

- Implement the 10 hours - 7th grade 5 hours and 8th grade 5 hours
- Survey students, parents and teachers
- Focus group to discuss survey results
- Share results with Curriculum Council to gather feedback and design action plan to address any identified issues
- Meet with Science teachers to plan augmented lessons as needed
- Facilitate parent/community forums at the Middle Schools
- Proceed to formal curriculum adoption process

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