

Consider approval of the adoption of the Reproductive Education Curriculum

January 20, 2025

1. Board Goal: DOMAIN 3: Positive school culture
2. Background: The purpose of the SHAC is to help plan health programming for students. The duties and responsibilities of the SHAC are outlined in Texas Education Code Section 28.004 and include, among other things, recommending instructional hours for health education, recommendations related to the curriculum for specific grade levels, and to increase parental awareness. Any recommendation made by the SHAC is subject to final approval and adoption by the Board of Trustees.
3. Process: According to Board Policy EHAA(Legal), the board of trustees of each school district shall establish a local school health advisory council to assist the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in the district's health education instruction. The board allowed SHAC to explore curricula last April.

In the process of exploring curricula, we became aware of UT Teen Health and their partnerships with many districts. They presented us with a variety of curricula.

Adoption of these curricula in Texas requires the SHAC to hold two meetings for public input, make curricula under consideration available for public viewing, and for the board to vote on the SHAC's recommendation at the next public meeting following the last public input meeting. SHAC met and welcomed public input on November 19 and December 17. The curricula were available at Central Office to be viewed by the public. We also welcomed public input at the additional meeting that was held January 7 to determine our recommendation.

Based on the needs of our community, SHAC would like to recommend the adoption of *Real Essentials Starting Point and Real Essentials Advance*, published by the Center for Relationship Education, as well as *Love Notes 4.0*, published by the Dibble Institute.

4. Fiscal Impact: Positive Fiscal Impact. UT Teen Health has written a grant specifically for Uvalde CISD that will fund purchase of all curricular materials, training of staff, and a sub-award of \$60,000 a year for 3 years. The sub-award funds are distributed to us as we meet certain milestones, such as having our staff trained.
5. Recommendation:
Administration recommends approval of the adoption of the Reproductive Education Curriculum
6. Required:
Board action Required
7. Contact Person:
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