



AMPHITHEATER

P u b l i c S c h o o l s

February 19, 2019

Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum Revision

Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education

State Laws and Regulations on Sex/Maturation Curriculum

A.R.S. §15-102

A.R.S. §15-711

A.R.S. §15-716

State Board of Education Regulation R7-2-303



District Policy and Regulation

IHAMB and IHAMB-R

- Instruction in sex education may be offered in the district in conformity with Arizona law
- Representative committee established
- Board shall review the instructional materials
- Board shall hold two public hearings prior to approval of the curriculum
- Board shall maintain for viewing by the public the total instructional materials for lessons
- Superintendent shall develop and implement regulations
- Grades 7 and 8 curricula shall include instruction that sexual conduct with a minor is illegal



Opt In Curriculum

It is important to note that this curriculum is an “opt in” curriculum that **requires parent permission.**

AND

Parents can review the curriculum upon request prior to the lessons.



Committee

- Work began in 2016 and was tabled for some time, restarted the work over a year ago.

Committee Members	Committee Members
Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Chair	Jennifer Letts, Principal
Mike Bejarano, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education	Yesenia Montano, Parent
Gerad Ball, Principal	Bertha Rishar, Health Services
Monique Berry-Kelley, Teacher	Jocelyn Smerz, Teacher
Bernadette Gruber, Parent	Cynthia Torres, Parent
Chris Gutierrez, Principal	Carol Tracy, Principal
Dr. Cherie Gaither, Director of Health Services	Tianna Urrea, Teacher
Ariana Jones, Physical Education Teacher	Pamela Vandivort, STEM Coordinator



Why revise?

- Last revision was many, many years ago
- Policy references were outdated
- Media was outdated (e.g., references to overheads, filmstrips, etc.)
- Some facts presented were no longer accurate

Note: Amphitheater Public Schools has had a sex education curriculum in place for grades 5-8 for decades. This is a revision of that curriculum. It is not an entirely new curriculum or a new practice for our schools.



Scope and Sequence

Curriculum Focus Areas

1. Understanding the purpose of the reproductive system
2. Accurate nomenclature of the female and male reproductive systems
3. Functions of the reproductive systems
4. Health and hygiene
5. Attitudes and behaviors



What was added/revised?

- Age ranges for puberty for girls was lowered to age 8 from age 10
- Media selections and diagrams were replaced with more up to date materials
- Updated and aligned accurate vocabulary and definitions
- Data and factual information was updated
 - Example: The teen birth rate dropped 64% between 1991 and 2016.



What is next?

- The curriculum will be available for review by parents, teachers, and any interested community members.
- We will ask for final approval by the Governing Board in March or April.
- All schools will receive the appropriate curriculum for the grade levels they serve.



Questions?



AMPHITHEATER
P u b l i c S c h o o l s

