

Kansas Health and Sexuality Education Laws and Standards

Summary

Kansas law does not mandate instruction in sexuality, STD prevention, or health. The law does not set requirements for schools that choose to teach these subjects. The Kansas State Department of Education's accreditation requirements for Kansas schools include teaching human sexuality as part of physical education classes.

Kansas health education standards contain several standards related to sexuality and STDs for grades 6–12.

State Law

Kansas state law does not address sexuality education in schools. The Kansas Department of Education has the authority to set standards and requirements for local school districts.

State Department of Education Requirements

Regulations issued by the Kansas State Department of Education state that instruction in “human sexuality” is one of the criteria for accreditation.

91-31-32. Performance and quality criteria.

Kansas Administrative Regulations

http://www.kssos.org/Pubs/pubs_kar.aspx

State Standards

The Kansas State Department of Education Model Curricular Standards for Health Education contains references to sexuality and STDs for grades 5–8 and 9–12.

The standards document contains model letters for schools to send home to parents to request either prior approval (opt-in) or refusal (opt-out) for their child to attend sexuality education instruction. However, these are optional—the state does not require schools to seek parental permission for the instruction.

Other Resources

Kansas Coordinated School Health Program

<http://www.kshealthykids.org>

Kansas Education Resource Center

The source of state standards and other information.

<http://www.kerc-ks.org>

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