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BULLETIN NO. 028-23 SECONDARY EDUCATION AND PATHWAY PREPARATION

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
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School Principals

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Reporting Requirements for 2023

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PURPOSE

This bulletin provides notification of annual requirements for schools to report to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) on their activities related to the provision of comprehensive sexual health education.

BACKGROUND

In 2020 the Legislature passed SB 5395, which updated RCW 28A.300.475 – *Comprehensive sexual health education*. This law requires all schools to:

- Provide social emotional learning (SEL) to all students at least once in grades K–3.
- Provide comprehensive sexual health education to all students at least once between grades 4–5.
- Provide comprehensive sexual health education to all students at least twice between grades 6–8 and at least twice between grades 9–12.
- Identify to OSPI any curricula used to provide comprehensive sexual health education and describe how classroom instruction aligns with the requirements of the law.

As described in the law, instruction must be medically and scientifically accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive of all students regardless of their protected class status, including

language and strategies that recognize all members of protected classes. Instruction must include information about abstinence, which may not be taught to the exclusion of other materials and instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. Further requirements for instruction can be found in the RCW and on OSPI's website.

REPORTING PROCESS

By September 1st of each year, all public schools must identity to OSPI any curricula used to provide comprehensive sexual health education and describe how classroom instruction aligns with the requirements of the law.

To assist schools in meeting this requirement, OSPI has developed a reporting tool that is available for completion and submission before the end of the 2022–23 school year. It is recommended that each public school designate a "lead health teacher" to gather and submit information on behalf of the entire school. A PDF version of the reporting tool is available to assist with preparing for submission of the report. Schools must use the reporting tool provided by OSPI.

OSPI will summarize and report the results of the school reports to the legislature biennially, beginning after the 2022–23 school year.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Laurie Dils, Associate Director, Health and Sexual Health, at 360-725-6364 or email laurie.dils@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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