



Sexual Health Education

1. **Purpose:**

The Sexual Health Education proviso supports OSPI’s ongoing work to ensure that sexual health education being provided in Washington schools is consistent with requirements of the Healthy Youth Act and AIDS Omnibus Act.

2. **Description of services provided:**

OSPI supports districts with resources, professional development and technical assistance related to the provision of comprehensive sexual health education, including HIV prevention education. Schools, educators, and students in each district benefit from the services provided.

3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

All schools in Washington are able to receive services.

Beneficiaries in 2019-20 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	295
Number of Schools:	n/a
Number of Students:	n/a
Number of Educators:	n/a

Other: District staff, Educational Service Districts, members of the public, legislators, state/local agencies, etc. 3,500+

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs):	1.6 FTE
Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding:	6 Contracts

FY20 Funding: State Appropriation:	\$200,000
Federal Appropriation:	\$0
Other fund sources:	\$0
TOTAL (FY20)	\$200,000

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?**

- No
- Yes, please explain.

If state funds are not available, the state will not be eligible...

5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY20	\$200,000	\$199,979
FY19	\$200,000	\$194,930

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:**

Fiscal Year	Number of School Districts	Number of Educators	Number of Other
FY20	295	n/a	3,500+
FY19	60	500+	100+

7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

N/A

8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:**

Technical Assistance: OSPI program staff responded to over 280 requests for guidance and resources from 105 districts, 5 ESDs, 3 statewide education organizations, the WA School for the Blind, and 1 private school, representing a 100% increase in requests compared to FY 19. Additionally, OSPI responded to almost 300 requests from parents/families, K-12 students, school board members, legislators, state agencies, local health departments, college/university students and staff, community-based organizations, the media and other constituents, representing an almost 200% increase in requests over last year. A bi-monthly resource newsletter is distributed to over 3,000 subscribers, including district educators, administrators and stakeholders.

Professional Development: OSPI program staff provided 17 training workshops for 334 teachers, school nurses, and other educators representing 89 school districts, 7 Educational Service Districts (ESDs), higher education teacher preparation programs, and community-based organizations. Workshops were provided at 3 professional conferences/webinars reaching additional school staff and other stakeholders.

Curriculum Review: OSPI program staff, supported by the Department of Health and a team of reviewers representing 8 districts, a county health department and other sexual health education experts, completed a comprehensive review of sexual health education instructional materials that was begun at the end of FY 19. Six full curricula

and 12 supplemental materials were reviewed, with [results reported on OSPI's website](#).

Legislative Workgroup: At the direction of the Legislature, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction convened the Sexual Health Education Workgroup to review sexual health education provisions in current K–12 student learning standards and in state law, and to consider the merits and challenges of requiring all K–12 schools to offer comprehensive sexual health education in all grades by September 1, 2022. [A report was submitted to the legislature summarizing the workgroup's recommendations](#).

9. **Major challenges faced by the program:**

The COVID-19 pandemic negatively affected the number of individuals we were able to reach with professional development, as a result of limitations on travel for OSPI staff and trainers and time and travel limitations for district staff.

10. **Future opportunities:**

Challenges related to professional development attendance are being addressed by developing online training opportunities. These online options will result in greater accessibility for all district staff in the future, but particularly those in more remote parts of the state.

If voters approve ESSB 5395, which was passed by the legislature in 2020, OSPI program staff will be responsible for supporting districts statewide with implementing the bill's requirements related to comprehensive sexual health education.

11. **Statutory and/or budget language:**

ESSB 6168, Sec. 501(3)(b) \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to meet statutory obligations related to the provision of medically and scientifically accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive sexual health education as authorized by chapter 206, Laws of 1988 (AIDS omnibus act) and chapter 265, Laws of 2007 (healthy youth act).

12. **Other relevant information:**

N/A

13. **Schools/districts receiving assistance:**

See [OSPI's Grantee List](#)

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