



PT Schools Promise

*Every student will be **known, supported, and engaged** and graduate with the skills to thrive in the world and change it for the better.*

Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Report

To: Superintendent Rosenbury and Port Townsend School Board Directors

From: Darrell Thomas, Director of Wellness

Subject: Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Report

Date: April 20, 2023

Context:

RCW28A.300.475 age-appropriate instruction on Comprehensive Sexual Health Education to be taught once per year in grade 5 and twice per year in grades 6-12. A unit of instruction includes “sufficient lessons to cover the required content in a way that is consistent with OSPI’s Health

<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/hivsexualhealth/pubdocs/CSHE%20Instruction%20by%20Grade%20Band%20%28002%29.pdf>

Education K-12 Learning Standards found at:

<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/healthfitness/standards/healtheducationk-12learningstandards.pdf>

Section I - Progress Towards Goals

- Currently all four schools use OSPI aligned curricula for grades 5 - 12.
- Families received access to the curriculum and were invited to participate in a parent night where information was accessible. District-wide fewer than one percent of families opted their students out of the curriculum.
- **Port Townsend High School** partners with Dove House to educate students on affirmative consent, identity, and boundaries with the Freshman and Senior class. One of the high school resources used is the Flash Curriculum. Sophomores participate in the biology of gender and other topics. Juniors receive a course on HIV/Aids. The school uses resources and curricula

developed by Lois Sherwood.

- OCEAN is implementing the current PT School District's Human Growth & Development curriculum to grade 5 - 12. Parent information session went well with no push back.
- BHMS participated in the Washington State Department of Human Services - It's About Respect & Consent campaign in the months of February and March. This campaign addresses the same topics as the Human, Growth, and Development curriculum and is in line with OSPI standards. Washington DHS will provide data to BHMS regarding pre and post survey information to inform our future goal setting.
- Salish Coast Elementary School has all 5th grade students go through the Human Growth and Development Curriculum over the course of a week. In this curriculum the students are learning about healthy relationships, gender roles, puberty, and other various topics in line with OSPI Guidelines. The components are broken up into six sessions over the course of the week.

Section II - Celebrations

- Community Outreach and partnerships with local organizations
- Schools have hosted "Parent Nights" to allow parents to ask questions about curriculum
- A good number of teachers feel competent and connected about the curriculum and delivering
- Less families opted out of the curriculum in the 2022 - 23 school year versus the 2021 - 22 year

Section III – Challenges & Next Steps

Port Townsend High School

- The curriculum is dependent on the teachers being training in delivering the curriculum. Teachers are wearing two hats between their regular teaching and teaching sexual education.
- Previously the Student Resource Officer would teach students about the laws regarding sex crimes. Currently that resource is not there.
 - Next step - Developing a powerpoint with local law enforcement, prosecution, and/or Juvenile Services regarding sex crimes and its legal definitions.

OCEAN

- Spring time has many other commitments and activities so changing the time of year for curriculum implementation will be critical.
 - Implement curriculum in the fall fo 2023.

Blue Heron Middle School

- Navigating when to roll out the curriculum in alliance with general education. Currently the timing makes sense to deliver curriculum later in the year but students need the training earlier.

- Pursuing ways to involve school nurse .

Salish Coast Elementary

- The 5th grade teacher staff has consistently been shifted around due to reassignments and resignations as a byproduct of the Pandemic.
 - Parents have the chance to review the curriculum and voice any concerns during the parent night on April 13, 2023.
 - Review of the curriculum timing. Students are taught the curriculum going into the summer before transitioning to middle school. SCE doesn't get the opportunity to witness the implementation of the knowledge and skills by the students.

Recommendations:

- Consider contracting with an outside professional to review and revise district curriculum in alignment with state requirements.
- When staff positions change consider training standards.
- Ensure that district wide curriculum is organized and available to all district staff.

Section IV - Board Role

Revise PT Schools Policy and Procedure 2125 Sexual Health Education