SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

The Bainbridge Island School District Board of Directors is required by law to provide comprehensive sexual health education instruction that is medically and scientifically accurate, evidence-informed, age appropriate, aligned with health and learning standards, and inclusive of all students. It will include information about abstinence and other methods of preventing unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Abstinence will not be taught to the exclusion of other instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. The district’s sexual health education program will be consistent with the Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention developed by the Washington State Department of Health and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The superintendent will provide parents/guardians an opportunity to review the materials to be used and provide information on excluding their child from sexual health education instruction.

Cross Reference 2020 - Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

Legal References:  
RCW 28A.300.475 Medically accurate sexual health education — Curricula — Participation excused — Parental review  
RCW 28A.600.480(2) Reporting of harassment, intimidation, or bullying— Retaliation prohibited — Immunity  
WAC 392-410-140 Sexual health education — Definition — Optional course or subject matter — Excusal of students  
Senate Bill 5395