California Healthy Youth Act and Puberty: The Wonder Years, 2021 edition



Instruction and Content Requirements in Grades K-12

As in grades 7-12, all sexual health and HIV prevention instruction in grades K-6 must:

CHYA Requirements:	Puberty: The Wonder Years includes:
Be age-appropriate, medically accurate, and objective;	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons
 Align with and support the purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act; 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons
• Be appropriate for use with pupils of all races, genders,	While no one curriculum is appropriate for all
sexual orientations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds;	pupils, it is inclusive and can be modified to meet community needs.
 Be appropriate for and equally available to English language learners; 	Student and family materials are in English and Spanish.
 Be appropriate for and accessible to pupils with disabilities; 	While this curriculum is not developed specifically for special needs students, it can be adapted and modified to meet individual needs.
 Affirmatively recognize different sexual orientations and be inclusive of same-sex relationships in discussions and examples; 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons, and directly taught in 6-4, 6-6. 6-10, Add-On E
 Teach about gender, gender expression, gender identity, and the harm of negative gender stereotypes; 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons, and directly taught in 4-3, 6-4, 6-6. 6-10, Add-On E
 Encourage students to communicate with their parents/guardians and other trusted adults about human sexuality, and provide skills for doing so; 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons, and directly taught in 4-1, 5-1, 6-1, 6-9
 Teach respect and skills for committed relationships such as marriage; 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons, and directly taught in 4-2, 5-7, 6-4, 6-6
 Provide knowledge and skills for forming healthy relationships that are free from violence, coercion, and intimidation; 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons, and directly taught in 4-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, Add-On F
 Provide knowledge and skills for making healthy decisions about sexuality; 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons, and directly taught in 4-6, 5-5, 5-7, 6-4, 6-6, 6-10
Be free of religious doctrine;	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons
 Be free of bias based on actual or perceived disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, or sexual orientation, or any other category protected by the non-discrimination policy codified in Education Code § 220. 	Curriculum meets this requirement: all lessons

Additional Content that May Be Taught in K-6

In K-6, schools may teach, in an age-appropriate way, content required in grades 7-12, including:

Puberty: The Wonder Years includes:
Lesson 6-7 teaches about HIV and other STIs
Abstinence message is framed as "waiting" or "delaying sex" throughout.
Add-On Lesson G teaches how to prevent unintended pregnancy and STIs.
Lesson 6-9 focuses on accessing accurate sources of information about sexual health care.
Lesson 5-4 discusses ways pregnancy can occur. Add-On Lesson G identifies pregnancy prevention methods.
Lessons 4-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-8, Add-On F define and teach how to prevent and respond to violent relationship and sexual situations.

Parental Notification and Consent Requirements for K-6

and questionnaires.

CHYA Parental Notification and Consent:	Puberty: The Wonder Years includes:
• In all grades, K-12, districts must notify parents of the instruction and provide them with an opportunity to view the curriculum and other instructional materials. The school district must also inform parents/guardians whether the instruction will be provided by district personnel or outside consultants. If instruction will be provided by outside consultants, the notice must include the name and organizational affiliation of the outside consultant and the date of the instruction. The notice must also inform parents/guardians of their right to request copies of Education Code §§ 51933, 51934, and 51938.	Parent notification letters and curriculum outline provided at each grade level. Letter and outline are in English and Spanish. Letters may be modified to include: 1. curriculum preview arrangements, 2. information about instructors, and 3. how to get copies of Education Code.
• In all grades, K-12, parents give passive consent for sexual health education instruction, meaning students receive instruction unless parents "opt-out" via a written request. Districts may not require active consent ("opt-in") by requiring that students return a permission slip in order to receive the instruction; this applies to all grades, including K-6.	Parent passive consent form provided at each grade level. Available in English and Spanish.
 Parents must be notified of any planned surveys or questionnaires, and, in grades K-6, parents must give active consent ("opt-in") for their child to participate in the survey or questionnaire. This is different than in grades 7-12, where parents must give passive consent for participation in surveys 	No surveys or questionnaires are included in the curriculum.