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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 RCW 28A.300.475 and RCW 28A.230.070.

2. **Description of services provided:**

OSPI supports school 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 the 2022-23 School Year:

- Number of School Districts:** 295
- Number of Schools:** N/A
- Number of Students:** N/A
- Number of Educators:** N/A
- Other:** 4000+ District staff, educators, students, Educational Service Districts, parents, members of the public, legislators, state/local agencies, and organizations.

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

No

5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2023	\$200,000	\$191,146
2022	\$200,000	\$185,071
2021	\$200,000	\$186,220
2020	\$200,000	\$199,979
2019	\$200,000	\$194,930



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

Fiscal Year	Number of Districts
23	295 districts
22	295 districts
21	295 districts
20	295 districts

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

RCW 28A.300.475 was updated in December 2020, requiring all secondary schools to provide comprehensive sexual health education (CSHE) to all students by the end of the 2021–22 school year, and all elementary schools by the end of the 2022–23 school year. These new requirements have resulted in a significant increase in the number of requests for information, resources, and technical assistance. Professional development continues to be offered utilizing online platforms, a modification that began when communities were impacted by COVID-19.

8. **Program evaluation or evaluation of major findings:**

Technical Assistance and Resources: OSPI program staff responded to almost 300 educator and administrator requests for guidance and resources from 110 districts and 5 ESDs. Eleven virtual presentations were made to ESDs, districts and schools, providing information and technical assistance. OSPI program staff attended several statewide networking meetings sponsored by DOH, to provide information to districts on implementing new requirements. Additionally, OSPI program staff responded to 129 requests from 118 individuals representing parents/families, K–12 students, legislators, state agencies, local health departments, college/university students and faculty, community-based organizations, the media, and other constituents. A bi-monthly resource newsletter was distributed to over 4,000 subscribers, including district educators, administrators, community partners, and community members. OSPI's sexual health education web pages were updated to provide information related to new requirements for CSHE, including two frequently asked questions documents, implementation resources for districts, and a revised version of the Guide to Sexual Health Education Implementation in Washington State.

Professional Development: OSPI provided 20 training workshops for 240 teachers, school nurses, and other educators representing school districts, Educational Service Districts (ESDs), students in higher education teacher preparation programs, and community-based organizations. Clock hours were provided for a number of training events sponsored by community-based partners, reaching additional school staff and other partners. The sexual



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health education professional development web page was updated regularly to include new virtual training opportunities.

Curriculum Review: OSPI program staff, supported by DOH and an expert review panel, completed a comprehensive review of sexual health education instructional materials. The review panel included 18 reviewers representing DOH, 4 school districts, 1 county health department, 3 institutions of higher education, 2 community-based organizations and other sexual health education experts. Three full curricula and 10 supplemental materials were reviewed, with [results reported on OSPI's website](#). All instructional materials review tools were updated prior to the review to reflect new CSHE requirements.

CSHE Reporting: RCW 28A.300.475 requires all schools to report to OSPI, by Sept. 1 each year, on what instructional materials are being used and how instruction aligns with new requirements. A reporting tool was developed and disseminated to measure the first year of full implementation and results will be submitted in our Comprehensive Sexual Health Education legislative report. Results will provide baseline data that will inform the development and provision of resources, technical assistance, and training in the 2023–24 school year.

9. Major challenges faced by the program:

No major challenges.

10. Future opportunities:

Results from the first annual CSHE reporting survey will be available to help guide the development of targeted resources, technical assistance, and training. We expect a significant increase over this next year of districts in full compliance with new requirements for CSHE.

11. Statutory and/or budget language:

\$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$200,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 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:

This work connects closely to the work done through our “Erin’s Law” sexual abuse prevention proviso.



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13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

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