

FERN RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION
OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
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Fern Ridge School District provides an age-appropriate, comprehensive plan of instruction focusing on human sexuality education, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections and disease prevention in elementary and secondary schools as an integral part of health education and other subjects. Developmentally appropriate instruction in abuse prevention is integral to the program.

In our elementary programs, students learn about interpersonal boundaries and sexual abuse prevention through programs like “Second Steps,” which includes aspects of healthy relationships including setting boundaries, making friends, being respectful and other relevant skills. Science and health units are also designed to provide general knowledge of human reproduction and sexuality as a part of normal human development. Regular classroom teachers and child development specialists share in the instructional efforts.

At the middle school level, age appropriate instruction is delivered through physical education and science courses. At the high school, all students participate in required health classes that cover a range of topics including inter-personal boundaries, sexual health, healthy relationships, setting boundaries, and more.

Erin’s Law: Erin’s Law requires the adoption of child sexual abuse prevention programs for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade in all Oregon public schools. The FRSD complies with this law with the following curriculum at each level:

Elementary Schools: Second Steps/Child Protection lessons:

Middle School: Safer, Smarter Teens Curriculum (Through S.S. classes grades 6-8)

High school: Safer, Smarter Teens Curriculum (through Homeroom in grades 9-12)

The district also supports both parent and staff education as tools in addressing sexual violence. All staff participate in mandatory abuse reporting, sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment education annually.

The district wants you to know that we are dedicated to stopping sexual violence before it occurs by raising healthy teens in a climate of safety and mutual respect. We are dedicated to a safe and compassionate reporting process that is survivor driven. We are dedicated to continued efforts to stop sexual violence and promote healthy relationships. Above all, we value the interest of the community and any partnership that can help with these important tasks.