



## **HSR Update: October 2022**

### **The updated [K-12 HSR lessons](#) will be implemented this Fall!**

The Human Sexuality and Responsibility lessons that were [approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2022](#) will be offered to all district students from kindergarten through high school, starting this Fall. The high school lessons will be taught during the High School Health classes in November and December. Students in grades K-8 will receive the lessons as part of their science classes in December.

**As a reminder, only students who have written permission from a parent or guardian will receive these lessons.** Parents/guardians will have the option to opt-in to all lessons or opt-in to individual lessons. The permission letters will go out 3 weeks prior to the lessons beginning. Principals will also be hosting an HSR orientation meeting for families in order to provide detailed information about curriculum implementation for their respective campuses.

All HSR lessons, including scope and sequence and teaching materials, can be found under the [K-HS Lessons page](#).

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## **HSR Update: June 2022**

### **The proposed K-12 HSR lessons were approved by the SHAC!**

The HPE Academic department presented the recent [HSR survey results](#) at the regular meeting of the [School Health Advisory Council \(SHAC\)](#) on June 1, 2022. Because there was not a quorum of voting members, the SHAC leadership called an emergency meeting for Monday, June 6, 2022. At that meeting, the SHAC members approved the K-12 lessons as written, with a [recommendation to the board](#) that *"the curriculum have the necessary modifications and adaptations completed for access*



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*by students with disabilities in a timely manner to coincide with the implementation with the broader student population."*

This recommendation was introduced to the Board of Trustees at the June 9, 2022 Information Meeting and was approved by the Trustees during the **June 23, 2022 Voting Meeting**. The **approved lessons** are slated to be implemented in K-12 classrooms in November and December 2022.

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## HSR Update: April 2022

**The updated proposed K-12 HSR lessons are complete and the survey is open!**

Please check your email for an individual link, *unique to you*, and use your student's ID number to access. The survey will be open until Friday, May 6th.

### Things to know about the survey:

- The original email came from **AISD Surveys** on Monday, April 18. It was sent to the email address that is listed as your primary email contact, which is only one contact per family. If you do not see the email, please check your spam or junk folder as well as the [parent portal](#) in order to verify which email address is on file as the primary email contact for the district.
- You should also be getting an email from your campus principal. If the link for the survey in the principal message does not work, please look for the original AISD Surveys email and then contact [survey@austinisd.org](mailto:survey@austinisd.org) if needed.



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- The link from your email will not transfer to someone else so **do not forward** or give that link to anyone else to use.
- The link from your email can also only be used to **log in one (1) time**. Unfortunately, the survey will not save your progress and allow you to log out and go back to it. Once you open it and log in, leave that window open, right click to open all the necessary documents in other windows, then respond to the open survey all at one time, if possible. If this is not possible and you need help getting back into your survey, please contact [survey@austinisd.org](mailto:survey@austinisd.org).

Here is the proposed timeline and information regarding the revisions, review, and approvals process:

### **April 2022: AISD Family HSR Feedback Survey**

- Principals will provide a family presentation during Apr 11-22 regarding why AISD is asking for feedback on the lessons and to give additional information regarding how to take the survey.
- AISD will email families an invitation to take the survey. Families may provide feedback on any or all grade levels.
- The survey will be open from Apr 18 through May 6
- SHAC will host 2 meetings for additional feedback regarding the lessons on Apr 27 and May 4

### **May 2022: HSR Lesson Final Revisions**

- The AISD academic department will make any lesson revisions as needed based on the HSR Survey Feedback and the 2 SHAC feedback meeting.

### **June 2022: HSR Lesson Approval**

- AISD will present to SHAC on June 1 to obtain a formal recommendation to take to the Board of Trustees
- AISD will discuss the HSR lessons at the Board Information meeting on June 9, 2022
- AISD will present the HSR lessons at the Board Voting meeting on June 23, 2022

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## **HSR Update: March 2022**

The AISD academic department is almost done revising the K-12 HSR lessons that will be implemented starting in the fall 2022. Information related to the process and timeline have also been provided at several school health advisory council (SHAC) meetings. ([Click here for more information about those SHAC meetings.](#))



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### **March 2022: Updates and “rebucketing” of HSR content**

- The Health and PE Department will continue to revise all of the Human Sexuality and Responsibility (HSR) lessons for the 2022-2023 school year. The revisions are required to be compliant with new legislation and the new Health TEKS.

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## **HSR Update: January 2022**

The AISD academic department has begun the process of revising the K-12 HSR lessons that will be implemented starting in the fall 2022. Information related to the process and timeline has also been provided at several school health advisory council (SHAC) meetings this past fall (2021).([Click here for more information about those SHAC meetings.](#))

Here is the proposed timeline for and information to know about the revisions, review, and approvals process:

### **Jan 2022 - March 2022: Updates and “rebucketing” of content**

- Some content that was previously considered HSR, because of the district’s use of the National Sex Education standards, is now covered in the health TEKS (Texas Essential



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Knowledge and Skills) and will be moved to the general health lessons taught at each grade level.

*Examples of this content include:*

- *how friends may influence behavior (kinder),*
  - *how to get help from a teacher, parent, or other trusted adult when made to feel bullied or uncomfortable (grade 1), and*
  - *demonstrating respectful ways to communicate with family members and peers (grade 2)*
- All content that is listed under the Reproductive and Sexual Health strand of the new health TEKS, starting with Grade 4, will be covered under HSR and will be taught only to those students who have parent/guardian permission.
  - Any content in the District's health curriculum related to reproductive and sexual health that is either not covered in the TEKS or is addressed at a different grade level than the TEKS recommends will also be subject to the parent/guardian permissions process.

*Examples of this include:*

- *Board-approved lessons on puberty starting in grade 3*
  - *Board-approved lessons related to consent starting in grade 7*
- All topics covered by SB9 (i.e. the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence and sex trafficking) will also only be covered with parent/guardian permission. *(Note: This will include content from any outside curriculum that may be chosen for those topics.)*

### **Late March 2022: Family Surveys to go out**

- All draft HSR lessons will be made available for public review and surveys will be collected for a 3 week period starting late March and going through mid-April

### **April 2022: SHAC Review and Public Feedback Meetings**

- As is required by law and AISD policy, the SHAC will review and provide feedback regarding all new or updated HSR lessons. They will also hold 2 meetings for public feedback. Those meeting dates are currently TBD.

### **May 2022: Final draft lessons will be presented to SHAC for recommendation**

### **Jun 2022: SHAC recommendation related to HSR content goes to the Board of Trustees for vote**

Please continue to check back here for updates, as these dates are all subject to change.



## **HSR Update: October 2021**

### **We're pausing the Human Sexuality and Responsibility (HSR) Curriculum for Kindergarten through 8th grade until 2022.**

The pause is necessary for two reasons.

1. Last year, the State Board of Education updated the health education standards for the first time in over 20 years. This means there were extensive updates and content additions throughout the required health content, including the addition of a new reproductive health topic strand.
2. This spring, the Texas Legislature passed a law that made changes to how the human sexuality lessons are approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees.

These two policy changes are significant and AISD is committed to getting both the process and the content right for the students and families that we serve. In order to do that, we need to update all health curriculum, including the HSR lessons.

*Note: The human sexuality and responsibility content will be taught in the high school health class as it meets the current standards and has previously been approved and implemented.*

As we move forward with these updates, AISD will conduct a survey for families to provide feedback. Additionally, as is required by law, the updated HSR lessons will go to the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to review the changes, host public meetings for feedback, and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Trustees in the spring.

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## **HSR Update: September 2021**

During the 87th Texas Legislation, a new bill (**HB1525**) was adopted regarding the School Health Advisory Council's (SHAC) responsibilities and additional information regarding Human Sexuality. AISD is currently working on ensuring all requirements are being met. Please see the following bullets:

- In light of changes to **Human Sexuality and Responsibility (HSR)** requirements emerging from recent legislation and updates to the health education TEKS, AISD is postponing the revisions of K-2 HSR lessons and will be reviewing and revising the K-12 HSR curriculum during the spring semester to include:



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- The revised K-12 Health TEKS that go into effect in school year 2022-2023
  - The new Health textbooks that will be adopted in spring of 2022
  - During the August 26 Board meeting the Board of Trustees approved:
    - EHAA Local policy. The revised policy will be posted at [EHAA Local](#)
    - A resolution to convene the local SHAC for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the curriculum materials, which also includes SHAC providing two public meetings.
      - The previously scheduled feedback meeting on Aug 31 is now being combined with the School Health Advisory Committee meeting on September 1. We invite you to attend the regular SHAC meeting to hear an update about these changes and timeline moving forward.
      - The same information will also be shared at the September 15 Special SHAC Meeting.
  - SHAC meeting dates and Zoom links can be found at the [SHAC Website](#)
  - The Beginning of the Year HSR Notification letter was sent before school started to notify families that AISD will teach a HSR unit. ([HSR Notification Letter](#), [Spanish](#))
  - The Opt-out letters have been converted to Permission letters and are now posted below under Family Permission Letters.
    - Parents and legal guardians will determine if their child will opt-in for the HSR lessons
    - Permission letters will be sent out by principals 2-3 weeks prior to instruction.
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  - A resolution is being created to convene the local SHAC for the purpose of making recommendations regarding the curriculum materials, which also includes SHAC providing two public meetings (Aug. 31 and Sept 15) for additional community feedback regarding the K-2 draft lessons. This will also be presented at the Board Information Meeting in August.
    - The lessons can be found at [K-2 Draft Lessons](#).
    - SHAC meeting dates can be found at the [SHAC Website](#)
  - The Beginning of the Year HSR Notification letter has been revised to include the HB 1525 updates ([HSR Notification Letter, Spanish](#)) Revised, Aug. 2021
  - The Opt-out letters are being converted to Permission letters. Parents and legal guardians will determine if their child will opt-in or opt-out
    - Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, all parents/legal guardians must opt-in their children to receive the HSR curriculum.
  - A link to the [K-2 HSR Lesson Survey Results](#) can be found under Resources.
  - Monthly updates will be added to this website. Please look for “Revised, [revised date]” to see documents that have been revised.
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## **July, 2021**

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- The HPE department added teacher materials to all the 3rd-8th lessons (note, some lessons may not have any teacher resources).
- The EHAA Local policy is being revised and will be introduced at the Board Information Meeting in August.
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- The Opt-out letters are being converted to Opt-In letters.
    - Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, all parents/legal guardians must opt-in their children to receive the HSR curriculum.
  - All updates will be added to this website as soon as they are approved. Please look for “Revised, revised date” to see documents that have been revised.
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### **April 13, 2021**

Human Sexuality and Responsibility (HSR) will not be taught virtually or face-to-face this spring for students in grades K-8. Students who are currently enrolled in the High School 2021 Health Education course will participate in the HSR unit. Parents or legal guardians will continue to have the option to opt-out their child if so desired. For more information click [here](#).