



Parent Rights

Under the Texas Education Code 28.004, parents have the right to:

- 1. Have a say in which sex ed curriculum is adopted.** Parents, guardians, and community members may attend the two public meetings of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) prior to a sex ed curriculum recommendation being made to the school board, and may attend and provide public comment at the school board meeting at which the sex ed curriculum is adopted.
- 2. Decide whether or not their child will receive sex education.** From 2021 - 2023, parents must provide written consent to opt their children into sex education. Parents can also choose to opt their children into some lessons but opt out of other lessons. Schools may not penalize the student in any way for opting out of any sex ed classes.
- 3. Receive notification of what sex education will be provided.** Schools must provide written notifications to parents with detailed information on what the sex ed curriculum will include and a general schedule on which the content will be provided. The notice must also include an overview of state law around sex education; a statement of the parent's right to review curriculum materials; information on how parents can be involved in the SHAC process; and a statement of parents' rights to use the grievance or appeals process.
- 4. Review all sex education curriculum materials.** Under new laws, parents or guardians may review all sex ed curriculum materials at their child's home campus or request that electronic materials be shared electronically. If school districts are using public domain (non-copyrighted) materials, they must post those materials online. For purchase agreements entered into after Sept. 1, 2021, schools must ensure that parents can purchase curriculum materials at the same price paid by the school.
- 5. File a grievance or appeal if any of these rights are violated.**

