

SB 818 requires Illinois public and charter schools to teach comprehensive personal health and safety education in grades K-5 and comprehensive sexual health education in grades 6-12 that is:

- + **age and developmentally appropriate** (tailored to grades ranges based on the developing cognitive, emotional, and behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group)
- + **medically accurate** (verified or supported by research and published in peer-reviewed journals)
- + **complete** (aligned with national standards)
- + **culturally appropriate** (affirming culturally diverse individuals, families, and communities in an inclusive, respectful, and effective manner)
- + **inclusive** (inclusion of marginalized communities)
- + **trauma informed** (takes into consideration how adverse life experiences may potentially influence a person's well-being and decision making)

Comprehensive personal health and safety education and sexual health education provides age appropriate information on:

- + developing healthy relationships
- + anatomy, physiology, and adolescent growth and development
- + preventing bullying, harassment, abuse, sexual violence, and interpersonal violence
- + empowering students to be able to make healthy and safe decisions
- + identity including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression
- + preventing STI's and unintended pregnancy

A parent or guardian can opt their student out of instruction. Individuals may review materials.

Comprehensive personal health and safety instruction and sexual health education shall:

- address experiences and needs of all students, including those with disabilities
- be inclusive and sensitive to the needs of students based on their status as pregnant or parenting, living with STIs, including HIV, sexually active, asexual, or intersex or based on their gender, and their gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, sexual behavior, or disability

Comprehensive personal health and safety and sexual health instruction shall not:

- promote bias against any person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, language, cultural background, citizenship, religion, HIV status, family structures, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, sexual behavior, employ gender stereotypes
- withhold life-saving or health-promoting information about culturally appropriate health care services or provide information that is medically inaccurate or scientifically ineffective
- be insensitive or unresponsive the needs of survivors of interpersonal violence and sexual violence
- proselytize any religious doctrine