

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CHARTER SCHOOL SYSTEM

Office of Academics & Student Services • UT PK-12 Schools

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Dear UT Charter School System Families,

We are writing to share information about the health curriculum offered across the UT Charter School System and how decisions about this curriculum are made at each of our campuses. We want every family to understand this process clearly and to know what to expect in the 2026-27 school year.

Campus-Level Decision-Making

The UT Charter School System does not mandate a single, system-wide health curriculum for every campus. Because our campuses serve different grade levels and communities, each campus principal determines whether a health curriculum will be offered at their campus, based on the needs, age range, and makeup of their student population. This means the health curriculum may look different from one campus to another, and some campuses may not offer a formal health curriculum at all.

If a Campus Chooses to Offer Health Curriculum

If your campus principal decides to include health curriculum content this school year, your campus will send you a separate, individual communication. That communication will include:

- A written consent form specific to the health curriculum being used at your student's campus;
- A clear description of the topics and materials that will be covered; and
- An opportunity to review the full curriculum and instructional materials before providing consent.

No student will participate in human sexuality instruction, or any related health curriculum component covered by state law, without a parent or guardian's prior written consent.

Compliance with Senate Bill 12 (SB 12)

The UT Charter School System follows the parental rights and consent requirements established under Texas Senate Bill 12 (89th Legislature), effective September 1, 2025. In accordance with SB 12, our campuses will:

- Request written parental consent before any student receives human sexuality instruction, provided on an opt-in basis rather than opt-out;
- Deliver that consent request separately from any other school notice or consent form, at least 14 days before instruction begins;
- Make instructional materials, syllabi, and curriculum content available for parent review upon request; and

- Provide access to our campus and system grievance process for any parent who has questions or concerns about curriculum content or how this process is carried out.

School Health Advisory Council Roles

Under state law and UTUCS Board Policy, the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) shall request a board resolution in order to review and make recommending to the district about any changes to the current human sexuality curriculum. After the board's adoption of a resolution, the SHAC will hold at least two public meetings on any revised curriculum materials before adopting or recommending revisions to the board at a public meeting of the board.

Parents may attend SHAC meetings and offer suggestions for revision of the curriculum during the public comments/citizen's communications portions of the meeting or in writing submitted to SHAC. More information may be found on the [SHAC website](#).

Questions

If you have questions about the health curriculum at your student's campus, or about your rights under SB 12, please contact your campus principal directly. You are also welcome to reach out to our district SHAC Coordinator, Caris Vollentine (caris.vollentine@austin.utexas.edu), for additional support.

We appreciate the trust you place in us and remain committed to transparency and open communication with every family in the UT Charter School System.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicole Whetstone

Superintendent

The University of Texas Charter School System