

Aldo Leopold Charter School

Health Education

Health Program Overview

ALCS Health and Biology classes (both required in high school) include the study of human sexuality. This topic will be interspersed throughout health, biology and other courses where appropriate. When dealing with sensitive issues, various points of view will be presented in a neutral and respectful way. Scientific data will be emphasized, but student questions will be encouraged. Current teenage issues will be discussed. Some sensitive issues may be dealt with in same-gender groups. Students who do not have permission to participate in Safer Sex Education will be responsible for completing alternative assignments, removing themselves when this issue is being taught and working independently under parent supervision (or ALCS staff when available). All curricular material may be previewed by parents or guardians.

Please call the school (575-538-2547) if you have any questions or want to discuss the policies listed below or the human sexuality curriculum.

Safer Sex Education Policy

Aldo Leopold Charter School will provide accurate and appropriate information to students regarding safer sex practices. Information about the topic, ranging from abstinence to the potential consequences of sexual activities, may be incorporated into parts of the school curricula.

It is not the intent of Aldo Leopold Charter School to promote sexual activity, or to supplant a student's or parents' values. As part of the application, enrollment, and orientation process the Safer Sex Education Policy will be provided to parents/guardians and students. The Promoting Safer Sex Education Policy will also be included in the Student and Parent Handbook. A parent or legal guardian may revoke his or her student's participation in this program by completing and submitting the school's "opt out" form.

Condom Availability Policy (High School only)

Upon a direct request from a student, the school will provide condoms to the student. These will be available directly to a student by the school guidance counselor. The school guidance counselor will follow legal expectations surrounding confidentiality. A parent or legal guardian may revoke his or her student's participation in this program by completing and submitting the school's "opt out" form.

Health Surveys

Health surveys (such as the Behavioral Risk Survey) may be given to students to determine school-wide health risks and to participate in state or federal programs. All surveys are anonymous, but data may be used both within the school community and to participate in health studies.

Please sign the Policies, Permissions, and Agreements Checklist in the Registration Packet. If you do not agree, you may fill out the opt-out form that is available in the office if you would like to revoke permission to participate in any of the above programs.