

**Western Sierra Charter Schools**  
**Parent Notification Regarding**  
**California Healthy Youth Act**  
**Comprehensive Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS Instruction**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) requires that comprehensive sexual health education and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention education be taught to students at least once in middle school and once in high school. Instruction and materials must be medically accurate, objective, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students, as defined by law. Charter schools are now required to provide this CHYA instruction.

All public schools, including ours, are required to present this material to students. **All 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mountain Home School and Endeavor Charter School students and all 11<sup>th</sup> grade Glacier High School and Endeavor Charter School students are required to participate in this instruction unless their parent provides the school with an “Opt Out” letter.**

We are providing this CHYA instruction through an online webinar. **This webinar will be available in our schools’ google classroom from February 8 through March 31.** Included as a separate attachment in this letter you will find the log-in instructions for the CHYA webinar. The entire student instructional webinar is available now for your parental preview on Google Classroom. (Instructions to access the material are included in this letter.) There is a workbook that goes with the webinar material. Those workbooks are available at the reception front desk for both Oakhurst and Fresno.

We have included, in this letter, the legally required Instructional Criteria and the required Instructional Content. **Because this material is highly personal, sensitive and controversial, we strongly suggest you review the Required Criteria and Content and that you view the entire student instructional webinar prior to your student’s participation.**

The entire California Healthy Youth Act (California *Education Code* sections 51930–51939) is posted on our schools’ websites.

**If you do not want your student to participate in comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention education, please provide a short letter that includes:**

- Date
- Addressed to Western Sierra Charter Schools
- Your student’s name
- Note stating: As the parent of (student name), you do not want your child to participate in the sexual health and HIV prevention instruction.
- Your signature

You may send any of your questions for us to [healthyyouthact@wscsfamily.org](mailto:healthyyouthact@wscsfamily.org) or contact your student’s teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

Michael Cox