

223 Human Sexuality Education

Background

Human sexuality education is offered in Grade 4 to Grade 9 as a mandatory component of the program of studies and Senior High School Life Management (CALM 20 Course).

The Division recognizes a parent's right of supervision in these areas and therefore their right to request their child not attend such classes.

Procedures

1. In advance of topics related to Human Sexuality (as per the Alberta Education Programs of Study) being taught, the teacher will notify parents of:
 - a. the content,
 - b. and if a guest instructor may be involved. External parties presenting learning and teaching resources dealing primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality must be approved by the Minister of Education.
2. Parent(s) may, via a form or email, opt. in, by:
 - a. providing the opportunity to opt their child in where courses, programs of study or instructional materials, instruction or exercises include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.
 - b. parents must be provided notice at least 30 calendar days before the start of a course, program of study or instruction or the first use of instructional materials.
3. Alternate learning experiences shall be provided for those students who are exempted from this instruction.
4. The above does not apply to incidental or indirect references to human sexuality in a course, a program of study, instruction or exercise or in the use of instructional materials.

References

Section 18,32,33,52,53,58.1,196,197,222 Education Act
Alberta Bill of Rights
Alberta Human Rights Act
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act, 1982
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
<https://teachingsexualhealth.ca/teachers/sexual-health-education>
Education Amendment Act 2024

History

Developed: August 2003
Amended: January 2020
Amended: August 2025