

## **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
2. Parent(s) may, via a form or email, opt out, by:
  - a. Exempting their student(s) from any part of the unit.
  - b. Exempting their student(s) from all of the unit by notifying the teacher at least two (2) school days before the instruction is scheduled.
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>

### **History**

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