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	Human Sexuality Instruction
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Background

The Division, in providing grades 4 to 6 Physical Education and Wellness, grades 7 to 9 Health and Life Skills, and Career and Life Management 20 shall ensure that the human sexuality component of the programs of study is offered to all students aligned with Alberta Education.

Procedures

1. Principals shall direct teachers to give parents/guardians the opportunity to exercise the decision to “opt in” a student to human sexuality instruction, by notifying them 30 days in advance of the instruction.
 - 1.1 Each year before human sexuality instruction topics are taught in a school, the teacher will notify parents via an “opt-in” form ([Form 206-1 Parent Consent Opt-In to Human Sexuality Instruction](#)) of the following:
 - 1.1.1 The human sexuality instruction learning outcomes for each grade/class;
 - 1.1.2 The date when learning outcome instruction will be discussed; and
 - 1.1.3 The teacher(s) who will instruct the learning.
 - 1.2 This decision not to “opt in” does not, and cannot, apply to discussions that incidentally arise as a part of daily classroom interaction.
2. In order for students to receive Human Sexuality Instruction parents must “opt-in” each year by:
 - 2.1 Completing the “opt-in” [Form 206-1 Parent Consent Opt-In to Human Sexuality Instruction](#) sent out by the teacher.
3. Alternate learning experiences shall be provided outside of the classroom for those students who do not “opt-in”.
 - 3.1 For students who have partial consent in section 4 of the [Form 206-1 Parent Consent Opt-In to Human Sexuality Instruction](#), the teacher is responsible to instruct only the learning outcome(s) and or content to a student based on the items listed by the parent/legal guardian from the partial consent.

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4. Parents will have access to human sexuality learning outcomes from the program of study;
 - 4.1 Parents can, on their request, preview the learning materials used in teaching the outcomes related to human sexuality instruction;
5. Learning and teaching resources will align with Alberta Education expectations as communicated in the Education Act and approved by the Minister.
6. Community resources and personnel will align with Alberta Education expectations as communicated in the Education Act and approved by the Minister.
7. If an individual student or group of students requests gender identity and or sexual orientation instruction, a teacher shall inform their principal and adhere to the same procedures as outlined for human sexuality instruction.