

Administrative Procedures Manual	Administrative Procedure 206
	Human Sexuality Education
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LEGAL REFERENCE:	Section 18, 52, 53, 58.1, 196, 197, 222 Education Act Alberta Bill of Rights Alberta Human Rights Act Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act, 1982 Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12

Background

The Division, in providing grades 4 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.

In accordance with Alberta Human Rights Act and Section 58.1 of the [Education Act](#), parents must be provided with notice where courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials, or instruction or exercises, include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion or human sexuality. Where a parent makes a written request, a student shall be exempt, without academic penalty, from such instruction, course of study, educational program or use of instructional material. For more information, see Notice under Section 58.1 of the [Education Act](#).

Procedures

1. Principals shall ensure that parents/guardians of students:
 - 1.1 Have access to information about the learning outcomes of the Health and Life Skills 4-9 and Career and Life Management 20 programs of study;
 - 1.2 Can, on their request, preview the learning materials used in teaching the outcomes related to human sexuality;
 - 1.3 Are advised prior to instruction, of their right to exempt their child from the human sexuality components of the programs of study.
2. If a parent exempts a student from instruction in human sexuality, ([Form 206-1 Human Sexuality Education Notice and Consent](#)), the teacher shall provide alternative programming for the student.
3. Alberta Education resources shall be used to support the programs of study as they relate to the human sexuality outcomes.
4. Community resources and personnel must be approved by the Principal.