

North East School Division - Administrative Procedure



AP 607 Family Life and Sex Education

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*Education Act - Sections 85, 87, 175,
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FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

The Board supports well-rounded Health instruction at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels that includes topics of family life and human sexuality. When addressing controversial issues relating to sexuality, equitable and balanced representation of viewpoints is required.

PROCEDURES

1. Family life and human sexuality instruction and materials must be appropriate to the age of the student.
2. The provincial health curriculum is to be used in planning local family life and human sexuality programs to fit student and community needs.
3. Notwithstanding (7) student involvement in the elementary and middle level health programs is compulsory.
4. A letter is to be sent by the principal to parents and guardians informing them that family life and human sexuality will be taught as part of the health curriculum, and they have the option of withdrawing their children from that part of the course.
5. Teachers shall inform parents about the program (commencement/completion dates, curriculum outcomes) and give them the opportunity to ask questions, get clarification, and share concerns. Information shall be communicated two (2) weeks prior to instruction.
6. Upon receiving a written request from a parent or guardian, the principal may excuse a student from participation in instruction dealing with a matter that is contrary to the conscientiously held beliefs of the family. Whenever possible, students excused from regular classes or content will be provided by the teacher with equivalent alternate material. Student evaluation on such alternate material will be educationally appropriate.
7. The Division acknowledges that exemptions in terms of family life and human sexuality will be given to Hutterian communities upon request.