

Administrative Procedure 206

FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

Background

The Division delivers a well-rounded Health program, including family life and human sexuality which incorporates attitudes and practices that are sensitive to and encourage responsible choices within the context of personal, family and societal values that lead to healthy outcomes. When addressing controversial issues relating to sexuality, equitable and balanced representation of divergent viewpoints is required.

Procedures

1. The Human Sexuality program will be delivered according to the Saskatchewan Health Curriculum.
2. Responsible decision-making, self-assertiveness and the sexuality theme of abstinence will receive primary emphasis at all ages.
3. The implementation of the sexuality unit, among other topics includes proper contraception skills, issues leading to and implications of high risk behaviour and strategies promoting the reduction of high risk behaviour.
4. The delivery of the Human Sexuality program will be age appropriate and presented in a timely and sensitive manner.
5. Teachers shall inform parents about the program (commencement/completion dates, objectives, scope and sequence of content, resources, and activities) and give them the opportunity to ask questions, get clarification, and express concerns. This dialogue can occur during a school-wide public meeting or through individual classroom teachers.
6. Parents shall be given the opportunity to opt out of all or part of the Human Sexuality unit. The withdrawal shall be expressed in writing.
7. Partnerships will be encouraged among educators, the home, and resource personnel. In all cases, the presentations of resource personnel shall align with and support the contents of the Saskatchewan Health Curriculum.
8. Respect of all students' personal and family beliefs regarding family life and human sexuality will be the foremost objective. The primary response to a student who raises a controversial issue will be to refer that student to family to clarify personal and family beliefs. Further counsel offered to a student will be considered only with expressed, written parental/guardian consent.

Reference: Section 85, 87, 108, 109, 175, 177, *The Education Act, 1995*

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