

GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND HUMAN SEXUALITY TOPICS

Background

The Division will provide gender identity, sexual orientation and human sexuality instruction as mandated through the grades 4 through 6 Health Program, the grades 7 through 9 Health and Personal Life Skills Program and Senior High School Life Management (CALM 20 Course).

Procedures

1. Principals shall give parent(s)/guardian(s) the opportunity to exercise the decision to “opt-in” a student to curricular instruction that is sexual in nature, such as human sexuality, by notifying parents thirty (30) days in advance of the instruction, or classroom content.
 - 1.1. Each year before gender identity, sexual orientation and human sexuality topics are taught in a school, the Principal will notify parents via an “opt-in” form (Form 204-1), and on the school website; principals must also provide notification via the school newsletter outlining:
 - 1.1.1. The instruction of the gender identity, sexual orientation and human sexuality topics for each applicable grade;
 - 1.1.2. The date that each topic 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. Parents may “opt-in” each year by:
 - 2.1. Completing the “opt-in” form (Form 204-1) sent out by the Principal.
3. Alternate learning experiences shall be provided for those students who do not “opt-in”.
4. Principals shall not permit the use or provision of learning and teaching resources that deal primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality unless the learning and teaching resources are approved by the Minister.
 - 4.1. Where the use or provision of learning and teaching resources referred to in section 4 is by an external party, the principal shall not permit the use or provision unless both the learning and teaching resources and external party are approved by the Minister.

Reference: Section 1, 2, 16, 18, 18.1, 19, 52, 53, 58.11, 58.12, 196, 197 222 Education Act
Alberta Bill of Rights
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act, 1982
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act
Guide to Education: ECS to Grade 12

Forms: Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation and Human Sexuality Topics Opt-In 204-1