



Background

Teaching human sexuality is a responsibility that schools share with the home.

Alberta Education requires schools to offer a program to all students in Grades 4 to 12. In those instances where the parents do not wish their child to participate in human sexuality education, an alternate activity is to be provided.

Procedures

1. Calgary Girls Charter School will provide human sexuality education in Grades 4 through 9.
2. In keeping with section 58.1 of the Education Act, the School will provide to parents a notice stating where courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials, include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with human sexuality.
3. Administrative Procedure 205 Controversial Issues and the attached Appendix also inform the expectations for Human Sexuality Education and clarify the requirements for notice to parents.
4. Human sexuality education will be taught within the regular school day.
5. Human sexuality education will be taught according to the objectives outlined in the current Health and Life Skills sections of the Program of Studies.
6. Parents will be advised prior to human sexuality instruction of their right to exempt their child from this curricular component.
7. The School will provide alternate learning experiences for students who have been exempted from human sexuality instruction.

Reference:

Education Act, s. 18, 52, 53, 54, 58.1, 196, 197, 222
Alberta Bill of Rights
Alberta Human Rights Act
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, Constitution Act, 1982
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12