



## AP 207 HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION

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### Background

Teaching human sexuality is a responsibility that schools share with the home. Alberta Education has mandated human sexuality education, however, the sensitivity of this subject suggests that special effort must be taken to assure that parents and staff are comfortable with the program.

Human sexuality education shall be available to students from grades 4 to 9 under the Alberta Education Health program. In accordance with Board Policy 2 and 18, and implementation of the Education Amendment Act (2024), in instances where the parents do not wish their child to participate in human sexuality education, an alternate activity is to be provided. *Administrative Procedure 205 - Controversial Topics and Resources* informs the expectations for Human Sexuality Education and clarifies the requirements to seek permission from parents/guardians.

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### Procedures

1. Calgary Girls Charter School will provide human sexuality education in Grades 4 through 9. Instruction is to be provided by a teacher or by a qualified resource person, approved by the Minister of Education, under the supervision of the Principal and teacher.
2. In keeping with 58.1 of the Education Act and the Education Amendment Act (2024), the school will provide to parents/guardians a notice stating where courses of study, educational programs or instructional materials, include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with human sexuality, and obtain permission from parents/guardians prior to the participation of such education.
3. Human sexuality education will be taught within the regular school day.
4. Human sexuality education will be taught according to the objectives outlined in the current Health and Life Skills sections of the Alberta Program of Study.
5. Parents will be advised 30 days prior to human sexuality instruction of their right to exempt their child from this curricular component. Students shall be excused from class attendance in the absence of parental consent to participate.
6. The school will provide alternate learning experiences for students who have been exempted from human sexuality instruction.

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*Reference:* Education Act 18, 52, 53, 58, 196, 197, 222  
Education Amendment Act  
Alberta Bill of Rights  
Alberta Human Rights Act  
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms  
Constitution Act, 1982  
Guide to Education, ECS to Grade 12