



## TEACHING ABOUT HUMAN SEXUALITY AND RELATED TOPICS

### Background

Golden Hills School Division will provide human sexuality instruction as mandated through the grades 3 through 6 Physical Education and Wellness curriculum, the grades 7 through 9 Health and Life Skills curriculum, Career and Technology Studies in high school (reproduction and readiness for parenting developing maturity and independence) and Career and Life Management in High School.

### Procedures

1. Principals shall give parents/guardians the opportunity to exercise the decision to opt-in their student to curricular instruction about human sexuality and/or related topics, by notifying parents/guardians 30 days in advance of the instruction, or classroom content.
  - 1.1. Each year before human sexuality topics are taught in a school, the Principal will notify parents via an opt-in form (AP 206-1), and teachers will inform parents via email/letter outlining:
    - 1.1.1. Applicable grade(s) and approved resources;
    - 1.1.2. The general date that each topic will be discussed; and
    - 1.1.3. The teacher(s) who will instruct the learning.
  - 1.2. The parental opt-in requirement applies when subject matter deals primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality.
  - 1.3. The decision not to opt-in does not, and cannot, apply to discussions that incidentally arise, including gender identity and sexual orientation, as a part of daily classroom interaction.
2. Parents may opt-in each year by:
  - 2.1. Completing the opt-in form (AP 206-1) sent out by the Principal.
3. Alternate learning and assessment 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 of learning and teaching resources referred to in section 4 are provided by an external party, the Principal shall not permit their use unless both the learning and teaching resources and external party are approved by the Minister.

### Reference:

- Education Act. AS.A 2012
- Alberta Bill of Rights
- Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom, Constitution Act, 1982
- Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act
- Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12