

HEALTH EDUCATION

Background

The Division recognizes the sensitive nature of some concepts covered in the provincial health curriculum, particularly in the areas of family life or sexual education, and HIV/AIDS education.

Procedures

1. Instruction is to be provided by a teacher who has adequate training as approved by the principal or by a medical resource person under the supervision of a teacher.
2. A letter is to be sent by the principal to parents and guardians informing them that sexual health will be taught as part of the health curriculum and that they have the option of withdrawing their children from that part of the course.
3. Parents or guardians who wish to know more about the content of the sexual health component prior to their child receiving that content are to be provided the opportunity to meet with the teacher and principal.
4. Students shall be excused from class attendance during the study of sexual health with the written consent of their parent or guardian.

Legal Reference: Section 85, 109, 175, 176, 177, Education Act

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