Health Education Curriculum: Human Sexuality

The Board of Education shall appoint a District Human Sexuality Curriculum Review Committee (referred to in Provo as the Health Education Curriculum Review Committee). This committee shall be composed of a board member, at least as many parent members as school employee members, health professionals, school health educators, and administrators. It is the board's intention to have at least as many parent members as school employee members. The membership of the committee by August 1 of each year, making new appointments as necessary or appropriate.

The District Health Education Curriculum Review Committee shall meet on an as needed basis, or at the determination of more than one annual meeting of the committee, as determined by a chair. The committee shall have the authority to review, revise, approve, or reject all human sexuality support materials. The Board of Education shall direct the Utah State Board of Education to approve any materials representing any school district in the state.

Students

Students may not participate in any human sexuality instruction or instructional program unless, prior to the student's participation, the school has on file for that student a completed parental notification form relating to that specific instruction or program which indicates that the student's parent or guardian authorizes the student to participate. Completed permission forms shall be requested annually and maintained in the student's educational records by the teacher making that request. Parents shall have made available to them and/or opportunities to review any materials used in the teaching of the human sexuality content to their student.

Teachers

In their first year of service or assignment, all newly hired or newly assigned District staff who have responsibility for an aspect of human sexuality instruction in the District will attend a State-sponsored in-service training in the human sexuality curriculum and the criteria for human sexuality instruction as offered in the public education system.

All District staff that has an responsibility for an aspect of human sexuality instruction in the District will attend District training outlining the human sexuality curriculum and the criteria for human sexuality instruction in any courses offered in the public education system at least once every three (3) years.

School Board

Before an guest speaker or guest presenter may present any information to the District course relating to human sexuality instruction, the Health Education Curriculum Review Committee shall...
The Board shall request that the District’s Health Education Curriculum Review Committee shall represent them and determine what human sexuality instructional materials are approved for use in the District. Such approved materials must be medically accurate and must be consistent with the Health and Human Sexuality Guidelines set forth above. Proposed materials will be available for review a reasonable time in advance of the Review Committee meeting. If a majority of the members present vote to adopt the recommended materials, then the materials may be used in the District.

The Committee shall annually review the decision to adopt the human sexuality instructional materials used in the District, and shall consider whether to continue use of those materials.

Legal References:

Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-1H (August 8, 2011)
Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-1B (August 8, 2011)
Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-5C (August 8, 2011)
Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-6 (August 8, 2011)

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