

## Administrative Procedure 206

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### FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

#### Background

The Family Life Education Program is designed to provide students with the skills and attitudes to deal with issues relating to human sexuality and family life.

#### Procedures

1. Division students will be provided human sexuality education in Grades 4 through 9 and in at least one (1) senior high course required of all students.
2. Principals and staff will be guided in their selection and use of materials in Human Sexuality Education by current and pertinent Alberta Education documents and by guidelines provided by the Alberta Bishops.
3. All basic curriculum and program materials for Family Life Education, Health Education, the Career and Life Management Program and Religious Education that deal with human sexuality must have the approval of the Superintendent.
4. In lieu of teaching Alberta Education's lessons on Human Sexuality in the Health and Career and Life Management Curriculum, the lessons taught will promote the Catholic perspective where all Catholic individuals are called to defend and promote the sacredness of human life.
5. Principals are to inform parents as to the nature of the Family Life Education curriculum. Whenever possible, parents will be encouraged to support the program through communication with the school and their children.
6. Parent meetings, or communication to parents, which outline the content and the approach of human sexuality, are to be offered annually.
7. Parents may request to have their child excused from class presentations on human sexuality at any grade level. Parents who request to have their child excused are to be encouraged to provide such instruction privately.
8. The Principal, in consultation with the religious education coordinator, shall keep the Superintendent informed of all parental and staff concerns expressed about human sexuality education.

9. Alternative instructional programs shall be provided for those students who are excused from class at the request of their parents.

Reference: Section 11, 18, 32, 33, 41, 52, 53, 58, 196, 197, 222 Education Act  
Alberta Bill of Rights  
Alberta Human Rights Act  
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Constitution Act, 1982  
Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12