

HUMAN SEXUALITY

Background

Alberta Education requires that the human sexuality component of the provincial curriculum be offered to students at the elementary, junior high, and senior high levels (including CALM 20). These outcomes are embedded within the health and life skills (grades 4-9) and Career and Life Management (CALM 20) programs of study,

In alignment with the Education Amendment Act, 2024 (Bill 27), which comes into effect on September 1, 2025, the following conditions now apply to the delivery of instruction dealing primarily and explicitly with human sexuality, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Procedures

1. At least 30 days before the first class is offered, parents/guardians of all children who are to receive the instruction shall be sent information regarding:
 - 1.1 The content of the course,
 - 1.2 What is to be taught,
 - 1.3 The name of the teacher,
 - 1.4 The duration of the unit,
 - 1.5 The teaching and support materials to be used.
2. Parents/guardians shall be provided with the opportunity to preview all course resources and support materials in advance of instruction, where they request it of the Principal or teacher.
3. Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to determine whether or not their children receive this information.
 - 3.1 Parents will be provided and required to sign a Parental Consent for Sensitive Subject Matter.
 - 3.2 This is to be returned to the Principal.
 - 3.3 Where a parental consent is not received, no instruction is to be given.
4. The Principal is charged with the responsibility of making appropriate supervised alternate arrangements for students who do not have parental consent.
5. No student shall be penalized by means of a lower mark or grade as a result of not having parental consent.

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Reference: Sections 18, 32, 33, 52, 53, 58.1, 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