



Health Education – Potentially Sensitive Content

Administrative Procedure 3.A.50

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Health Education is a part of the combine Physical Education/Health Education Curriculum. The aim of the Physical Education/Health curriculum in Evergreen School Division is to provide each student with planned and balanced programming to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes for physically active and healthy lifestyles.

HEALTH EDUCATION – POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE CONTENT

For student learning outcomes related to potentially sensitive issues, schools must seek parental involvement and provide a delivery option prior to implementation.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Some of the content and issues pertaining to student learning outcomes may be potentially sensitive for some students and their parents/families and/or communities based on religious and/or cultural values.

The form letter (Appendix A) is to be sent to the parent/guardian of each Evergreen School Division student every September, to be signed and returned to the student's school.

Evergreen School Division will provide an alternative delivery choice for those parents who opt out of the school based program:

- If the school-based program delivery is rejected by parent/guardian, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to instruct his/her child based on the Manitoba Health Curriculum.
- Principals will send a response (Appendix B) to those parents who select to provide alternate delivery of the Manitoba Health Curriculum.
- Evaluation of performance on the alternative delivery model will be based upon the same benchmarks and rubrics as used in the school based program. Date of evaluation will be set by the classroom teacher. It is the parents' responsibility to obtain and provide information to the students.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Schools in Evergreen School Division will provide information resources, outlining the Health Curriculum for each grade.

Curriculum framework of student learning outcomes is available on-line at:

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/physhlth/framework/index.html

DIVISIONAL INVOLVEMENT

The Evergreen School Division will provide grade-specific in-services for potentially sensitive content topics.

The Board encourages the use of community resources and expertise in delivering the Health topics in the classroom.

Appendix A

Evergreen School Division

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Health Education Curriculum, as part of the Physical Education/Health Education Curriculum, has been developed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to make healthy lifestyle decisions and choices. The curriculum has been developed by teams of educators and medical practitioners, and has been approved by the Minister of Education, for use in Manitoba schools.

The curriculum deals with safety, personal and social management and healthy lifestyle practices.

Parents can find further information on the Health curriculum related learning outcomes through the Manitoba Education, Training and Youth website at www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/physlth/framework/index.html or by requesting a more detailed outline from your child's teacher.

Please complete the following form and return it to the teacher by _____ (date).

Teacher

Health Curriculum Delivery

I am aware the school will present the Health Curriculum to my child in accordance with the Manitoba Education Physical Education/Health Education Curriculum.

I will provide for my child an alternative delivery of the Manitoba Health Curriculum for the units checked below:

_____ Human Sexuality

_____ Substance Use and Abuse Prevention

_____ Personal Safety

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Appendix B

Evergreen School Division

Date:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Alternative Delivery Option for Specific Health Topics in the Manitoba Health Curriculum.

You have indicated that you will provide an alternative delivery of the Alternative Delivery Option for Specific Health Topics Manitoba Health Curriculum for your child for the following units:

- _____ Human Sexuality
- _____ Substance Use and Abuse Prevention
- _____ Personal Safety

You are required to provide a curriculum-based activity for your child(ren) to do when not in the regular Health class.

Enclosed is the Divisional Administrative Procedure 3.A.50, Health Education – Potentially Sensitive Content, outlining the parents, schools and division involvement. Please phone your child's teacher for outlines and dates of evaluation.

Yours truly,

Principal