

# Provo City School District

## Policy Series 4000: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment



Policy No. 4023

### **Health Education Curriculum: Human Sexuality**

The Board of Education shall appoint a District Human Sexuality Curriculum Materials Review Committee (referred to in Provo as the Health Education Curriculum Review Committee). This committee shall be composed of a board member, parents, 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 Board shall review 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 as determined by the members of the committee, but not less than one annual meeting per year. The committee shall establish procedures for operation, and shall designate a chair. The District Health Education Curriculum Review Committee shall review support materials such as: videos, and guest speakers, or guest presentations for alignment with the Utah State Board of Education, Human Sexuality Core and the have the authority to represent the Board in approving or disapproving the support material.

### **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, upon request, a copy and/or opportunity 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 any aspect of human sexuality instruction in the District will attend a State-sponsored in-service outlining the human sexuality curriculum and the criteria for human sexuality instruction in any courses offered in the public education system.

All District staff that has any responsibility for any 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 any guest speaker or guest presenter may present any information in any District course relating to human sexuality instruction, the Health Education Curriculum Review

Committee must have approved the speaker and/or presenter and the materials to be presented.

The Board shall request that the District 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. The proposed materials will be available for review by residents of the District a reasonable time in advance of the Review Committee meeting. If a majority of the Committee 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  
Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-1-2b  
Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-5  
Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-5-4  
Utah Admin. Rules R277-474-6

Synopsis:

School instruction & human sexuality  
Authority and Purpose; notice to parents  
LEA Responsibilities  
Curriculum materials review committee  
Local adoption of instructional materials

Approved by Board of Education:

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