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602.7 Human Sexuality Instruction

Policy

All schools shall provide human sexuality instruction in accordance with the Program of Studies.

Regulations

- 1. Instruction in human sexuality shall be confined to the human sexuality outcomes in the Health curriculum and Career and Life Management (CALM) curriculum.
 - 1.1. Instruction shall only be provided by staff who have completed Division training sessions.
- 2. Parents shall be advised, prior to the commencement of any human sexuality instruction, of their right to exempt their child.
 - 2.1. In order to have a student exempted from human sexuality instruction, written notification is required from the parent.
 - 2.2. Students exempted from human sexuality lessons shall be provided with an alternative assignment and be under appropriate supervision. Such work shall be directly related to the applicable course curriculum, shall be equitable in terms of time and effort to the work from which the child is excused, and shall be given equal weighting in the determination of course marks/grades.
- 3. For the purpose of this policy, human sexuality does not include the study of reproduction in plants or animals which is a component of an approved science curriculum, nor does it apply to the establishment or operation of a voluntary student organization or the holding of an activity referred to in Policy 502.2.
- 4. Parents shall, upon request, be given an opportunity to review the human sexuality curriculum to be taught and the materials to be used.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.