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**Human Sexuality Education**

**BACKGROUND**

Under the authority of the *Education Act*, the Minister of Education has ordered that the human sexuality components of the Grades 4, 5 and 6 Health program, Grades 7, 8 and 9 Health and Personal Life Skills program, and the Career and Life Management 20 program will be prescribed beginning with the 1989-90 school year. Every board operated school offering these courses shall ensure that the human sexuality component is offered to all students. Parents have the right to exempt their child from school instruction in human sexuality education.

Human sexuality education is a mandatory component of the Health and Life Skills and Career and Life Management sections of the *Program of Studies*. CAPE is teaching the Alberta Education Health and Life Skills curriculum in grades K-9. CAPE offers human sexuality education in grades 4 -9.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

1. The CAPE Charter Board supports the delivery of human sexuality education to students in grades 4 through 9.

**DEFINITIONS**

2. **Human sexuality** - about sexual feelings, thoughts, attractions and behaviours towards other people.
3. **Program of Studies** - any set of courses and experiences identified as satisfying the requirements of a program or program; prescribed concepts that pupils must be taught at each key stage of the education program.
4. **Exempt** - free (a person or organization) from an obligation imposed on others.

**GUIDELINES**

5. Human sexuality education are to be taught as stand-alone units.
6. Human sexuality education is to be taught according to the objectives outlined in the current Health and Life Skills and Career and Life Management sections of the *Program of Studies*.
7. Parents are to be advised prior to the start of human sexuality instruction of their right to exempt their child from this curricular component.

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8. Information regarding the material to be covered is to be forwarded to parents each year prior to instruction on human sexuality beginning. Parents are to be invited, and encouraged, to meet with the teacher to discuss the program material.
9. Parents will have access to any and all resources to be used within the program.
10. CAPE will provide alternate learning experiences for those students who have been exempted from human sexuality instruction.
11. The Superintendent is to develop protocols regarding the provision of this program.

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**References:**

*Education Act*

*Guide to Education*

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