



FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

Background

Board Policy 2: Role of the Board identifies faith leadership as the Board's first area of responsibility, and the provision of the Family Life Education program is a tangible way the Board fulfills this responsibility, in partnership with parents as primary educators of their children. The Family Life Education Program is designed to provide students with the skills and attitudes to deal with issues relating to human sexuality and family life from a Catholic worldview.

Procedures

1. The selection and use of materials in Family Life Education shall be guided by current and pertinent Alberta Education documents and by guidelines provided by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Bishops of Alberta.
2. All basic curriculum and program materials that deal with human sexuality must have the approval of the Superintendent.
3. Family Life Education covers a range of topics, including human sexuality. A resource recommended by the Canadian Bishops and approved by the local Bishop shall be used to teach human sexuality within the broader context of religious education.
4. Staff inservice will be provided to assist staff in the delivery of Family Life and Human Sexuality education from a Catholic perspective.
5. Parents shall be given the opportunity to exercise the decision to opt-in a student to curricular instruction within Family Life education related to human sexuality. This opportunity shall be provided annually.
 - 5.1 Each year before topics within Family Life education related to human sexuality are taught in a school, the Principal will notify parents via an "opt-in" letter
6. At least 30 days prior to the instruction taking place, Principals will also ensure parents are made aware of the instruction within Family Life education related to human sexuality.
7. This decision not to "opt-in" does not, and cannot, apply to discussions that incidentally arise as a part of daily classroom interaction.
8. Parents may rescind this permission at any time by contacting the Principal.

9. Alternate learning experiences shall be provided for those students who do not opt-in.
10. The Principal shall keep the Superintendent informed of all parental and staff concerns expressed about human sexuality education.
11. Where external parties are presenting on topics that deal primarily and explicitly with gender identity, sexual orientation or human sexuality, the Superintendent (or designate) shall ensure that the external party is approved by the Minister.
 - 11.1 The Bishop of Calgary, and his designates, are not considered external parties.