

FAMILY LIFE AND SEX EDUCATION

Background

Prairie South School Division supports a program of family life and sex education at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels on an optional basis.

Procedures

1. Family life and sex education courses and materials must be appropriate to the age of the student.
2. The provincial health curriculum is to be used as a general outline in planning local family life and sex education programs to fit student and community needs.
3. Student involvement in the elementary and middle level health programs is compulsory.
4. Notwithstanding 3. above, the standard division letter is to be sent home two weeks prior to starting sexual education outcomes by the principal to parents and guardians informing them that family life and sex education will be taught as part of the health curriculum, and they have the option of withdrawing their children from that part of the course.
5. Students under the age of 16 whose parents or guardians so chooses, can be withdrawn from the presentation of sexual health outcomes by giving written notice to the principal. If the principal has not received written notice about student participation, that student is to participate. If written notice is received after the sexual health outcomes are underway, the student is not to be involved from then forward.
6. Prairie South School Division acknowledges that exemptions in terms of family life and sex education will be given to Hutterian communities upon request.

Reference: Section 85, 175, 176, 177, 231 Education Act
Bill 137

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