



Administrative Procedures

AP-608 FAMILY LIFE AND SEX EDUCATION	Date of implementation: Fall 2006 Date of update: Fall 2019
	Related Administrative Procedures:

Purpose: The Division supports a program of family life and sex education at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels on an optional basis. This procedure outlines the process of delivering and communicating the program.

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) The program must be approved by the principal and the School Community Council.
- 4) Student involvement in the elementary and middle level health programs is compulsory.
- 5) Notwithstanding (4) above, a letter is to be sent 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.
- 6) Every attempt should be made to ensure safety and respect for all students' personal and family beliefs regarding family life and human sexuality.
- 7) The Division acknowledges that exemptions in terms of family life and sex education will be given to Hutterian communities upon request.

References: [The Education Act, 1995](#) - Sections 85, 175, 176, 177