



EDUCATIONAL SERVICES 17 – CALM/Health Human Sexuality

Date: March 26, 2008

Responsible Administrator: Superintendent

1.0 RATIONALE

The Program of Studies for CALM and Health Programs in Alberta identifies the outcomes of the program including human sexuality understandings.

2.0 PROCESS

The principal will be responsible for maintaining the process.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1 Each school will provide key information to parent(s)/guardian(s) to allow them to make an informed decision on their child's participation in the human sexuality segments of the CALM and health programs.
- 3.2 The communication of this information to parent(s)/guardian(s) will occur at a time prior to the introduction of the human sexuality segments of the program. The information on the program may include a written outline of the program and/or an information session.
- 3.3 Once the information has been provided, the school will request the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student in a health or CALM course indicate, in a written form, their choice of either "opting-in" or "opting-out" of the human sexuality segments of the program. The school will then deliver the program or a modified version of the program based upon the written choice of the parent(s)/guardian(s).
- 3.4 If a school does not receive a written statement from the parent(s)/guardian(s), the school will make reasonable efforts to contact the parent(s)/guardian(s). If, at this point, the parent(s)/guardian(s) has not responded, the student will be included in the human sexuality segments of the program.
- 3.5 The selection of resources to support the Human Sexuality segments of the program will comply with the "Selection of Resources" administrative practice that requires the resource have the approval of the Superintendent.

References: *Board Policy: F/1/3 – Health/CALM Programs (Human Sexuality)*