

PLAN FOR ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY OF PHYSICAL and HEALTH EDUCATION K – 10

Background

The District provides the opportunity for students, upon request of their parents, to opt for an alternative delivery of instruction with regard to specific prescribed learning outcomes in the Health Learning Standards of:

- Physical and Health Education K - 10

The content of Physical and Health Education K – 10 addresses topics related to sexual health and decision making that some student and their parents may feel more comfortable addressing in an alternate setting.

Physical and Health Education K – 10 are required curriculum for all students.

In some cases, students and their parents/guardians, in consultation with their school, may choose not to participate in classes when topics related to sexual decision-making are discussed. Instead, the parent will address the topics in an agreed upon alternative manner. It is expected that students will demonstrate their understanding of the health topic(s) they have chosen to learn in an alternative manner.

Opting for alternative delivery is only available for the topics related to sexual decision-making that are part of Physical and Health Education K-10. This policy does not apply to any other learning standards in Physical and Health Education K-10. Nor does it apply to any other British Columbia provincial curriculum.

Procedures

1. Unique to Physical and Health Education K-10 is the opportunity for the student, in consultation with their parent, to “opt for alternative delivery” of materials related to sexual decision-making contained in these curricula.
2. Alternative delivery is a formal process whereby parents may request that their child not participate in classes where sensitive topics within the Health Learning Standards of Physical Health and Education K-10 are discussed.
3. The student will address these topics in an alternative manner such as parent supported home instruction or independent directed study.
 - 3.1 The time and effort required of the student through alternative delivery is to be similar to that provided through regular classroom instruction.
4. In order to make an informed decision regarding the participation of their child within the Health Curriculum Learning Standards of Physical Health and Education K-10, parents will be

provided with the opportunity to preview any learning resources to be included as part of the instructional program.

- 4.1 This is to be completed well before the intended delivery of the program in the classroom.
- 4.2 Should parents then determine that they would prefer an alternative method of program delivery a meeting will be held with the parents, the student and the appropriate educators:
 - 4.2.1 To identify the learning outcomes which must be achieved,
 - 4.2.2 To agree upon a plan by which this will be undertaken, and
 - 4.2.3 To achieve consensus on the assessment criteria to be used to evaluate student progress.

5. Specific steps in this process are described as follows

- 5.1 A formal request for alternative delivery of specific topics within the curriculum will be submitted by the parents.
- 5.2 At a meeting, the student (when appropriate), the parents and the teacher collaboratively develop an outline of the plan to be followed.
- 5.3 Parents must give their consent to opt for an alternative delivery of learning outcomes as well as the method of delivery.
- 5.4 The Principal, student and parent agree to the option chosen for alternative delivery and the method of demonstration to meet the prescribed learning outcomes.
 - 5.4.1 The expectations and standards of the learning outcomes are to be similar to the ones for other students.
 - 5.4.2 This plan is to be signed by all participants.
- 5.5 The alternative delivery plan is filed with the teacher with a timeline of expected completion.
- 5.6 Responsibility for demonstrating knowledge of these learning outcomes rests with the student.
 - 5.6.1 The regular classroom teacher will determine whether or not the learning outcomes have been achieved.
 - 5.6.2 The report card comments will indicate the part of the course which was completed outside of the classroom.

Reference: Sections 7, 8, 17, 20, 22, 65, 76, 85 School Act
Civil Rights Protection Act
Human Rights Code
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
School Regulation 265/89
Educational Program Guide Order M333/99

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