

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION RELATIVE TO SEX EDUCATION POLICY

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I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, s. 32A, the Lexington Public School Committee has adopted the following policy relating to the rights of parents and guardians of our students in relation to curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues.

II. APPLICATION

The Lexington Public Schools afford parents or guardians the flexibility to exempt their children from that portion of the curriculum that specifically involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. Parents must request the exemption in writing to the school principal. No child so exempted shall be penalized by reason of such exemption.

Students who are exempted from that portion of the curriculum specifically involving human sexual education or human sexuality issues will be assigned related coursework and material to occupy the exempted curricular time. Students will be responsible for course materials and performance criteria as determined by state mandated assessments and local school district requirements.

At the beginning of the course the school will inform parents/guardians, in writing, about curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. This notice will include the topics covered in the course as well as the course requirements, expectations and methods of assessment. Parents/guardians will be required to sign the notice and return it to their child's teacher as part of that course's requirements.

To the extent practicable, program instruction materials for said curricula will be made reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators, school administrators, and others for inspection and review.

III. BACKGROUND

Upon formal adoption by the Lexington School Committee this written policy will be distributed and made available to each principal in the district by September first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, and each year thereafter. Each principal will then include this policy with any other school policies that are made available to parents.

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