Health Education – Potentially Sensitive Content

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Health Education is a part of the combine Physical Education/Health Education Curriculum. The aim of the Physical Education/Health curriculum in the School District of Mystery Lake is to provide each student with planned and balanced programming to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes for physically active and healthy lifestyles.

HEALTH EDUCATION – POTENTIALLY SENSITIVE CONTENT

For student learning outcomes related to potentially sensitive issues, schools must seek parental involvement and provide a delivery option prior to implementation.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The form letter is to be sent to the parent/guardian of each School District of Mystery Lake student. If parents do not want their child to participate, they will write the request to the teacher.

Some of the content and issues pertaining to student learning outcomes may be potentially sensitive for some students and their parents/families and/or communities based on religious and/or cultural values.

The School District of Mystery Lake will provide an alternative delivery choice for those parents who opt out of the school-based program:

- If the school-based program delivery is rejected by parent/guardian, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to instruct his/her child based on the Manitoba Health Curriculum.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Schools in the School District of Mystery Lake will provide information resources, outlining the Health Curriculum for each grade.

Curriculum framework of student learning outcomes is available on-line at: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/physhlth/framework/index.html

DIVISIONAL INVOLVEMENT

The School District of Mystery Lake will provide grade-specific in-services for potentially sensitive content topics.

The Board encourages the use of community resources and expertise in delivering the health topics in the classroom.

School District of Mystery Lake

Success for All

Name of School

Address of School
Phone: XXX- XXX-XXXX Fax XXX-XXX-XXX

SAMPLE LETTER

Date

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

In order to meet the health curriculum objectives, your child's class will be covering potentially sensitive content over the next several weeks. It is clear that young people must have knowledge, skills, guidance and support if they are to make responsible and health-enhancing decisions. _____ will be delivering this content. The school recognizes that the prime responsibility for education about issues of sexuality rests with the family, and for that reason, parents may choose to opt out of the school delivering this education.

In your child's curriculum, the following topics will be discussed: reproduction systems, puberty, sexual & gender roles, HIV/AIDS, and decision-making. If you would like more information regarding this content, please visit http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/physhlth/5to8.html or call the school.

If you do not wish to have your child participate in the school delivery of this information, please contact the school.

Yours in Education,

Principal
Name of School