


Scholar Academy
Policy: Human Sexuality Instruction Policy
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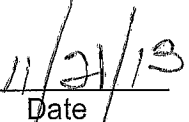
POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Human Sexuality Curriculum taught at Scholar Academy (the "School") is compliant with state law. The School will comply with applicable state law regarding the presentation of Human sexuality instruction or instructional programs.

"Human sexuality instruction or instructional programs" means any course, unit, class, activity or presentation that provides instruction or information to students about sexual abstinence, human reproduction, reproductive anatomy, physiology, pregnancy, marriage, childbirth, parenthood, contraception, or HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. While these topics are most likely discussed in courses such as health education, health occupations, human biology, physiology, parenting, adult roles, psychology, sociology, child development, and biology, this policy applies to any course or class in which these topics are the focus of discussion.

Signature:


Sandy Shepard, Board President


Date

Administrative Procedures Human Sexuality Instruction Procedures

These administrative procedures are established pursuant to the Human Sexuality Instruction Policy adopted by the School's Board of Directors.

In accordance with state law, all human sexuality instruction or instructional programs will comply with the requirements of Utah Code § 53A-13-101 and -301 through -302 and Utah Admin Code R277-474. Specifically,

- The School will teach sexual abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage as methods for preventing certain communicable diseases.
- Personal skills that encourage individual choice of abstinence and fidelity.
- The School will obtain prior parental consent before any human sexuality instruction or instructional program.

Program materials and guest speakers supporting instruction on these topics must be reviewed and approved by the Principal, who will consider parental feedback on such items. Instructional materials used by the School in connection with human sexuality instruction or instructional program will be approved by the School's board of directors or a committee established by the board of directors. Parents will be provided opportunities for involvement with an understanding of the content and materials of the curriculum and the processes to be used to teach this curriculum.

The following topic may not be taught in the School:

- The intricacies of intercourse, sexual stimulation or erotic behavior;
- The advocacy of homosexuality;
- The advocacy of encouragement of the use of contraceptive methods or devices; or
- The advocacy of sexual activity outside of marriage.

The School will comply with the Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Utah Code § 53A-13-301, through -302 and obtain parental consent prior to any human sexuality instruction or instructional program. At no time will a student be in the classroom during any human sexuality instruction or instructional program unless an approval form signed by the student's parent/guardian is on file.

Instructors may not intentionally elicit comments or questions about matters subject to parental consent requirements. Additionally, instructors' responses to questions spontaneously raised by students must be brief, factual, objective and in harmony with content requirements of this policy and state law. Responses must also be age appropriate and limited in scope to that reasonably necessary under the circumstances.

The School will ensure that instructors with any responsibility for any aspect of human sexuality instruction will receive proper training. Additionally, the School will ensure that such instructors are familiar with requirements of the Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.