Helena Public Schools 2016

STUDENT INSTRUCTION

## **Human Sexuality Instruction**

The District recognizes the right of a parent or guardian to withdraw a child from instruction or an organized school function regarding human sexuality instruction. Such withdrawals will be classified as an excused absence.

"Human sexuality instruction" means teaching or otherwise providing information about human sexuality, including intimate relationships, human sexual anatomy, sexual reproduction, sexually transmitted infections, sexual acts, sexual orientation, gender identity, abstinence, contraception, or reproductive rights and responsibilities.

48 Hour Notice

Parents and guardians will be notified no less than 48 hours prior to holding an event or assembly or introducing material for instructional use.

This notice will contain:

- 1) the basic content of the district's or school's human sexuality instruction; and
- 2) the right to withdraw the student from the instruction

Annual Availability of Materials

The District will make curriculum materials used in human sexuality instruction available for public inspection before use. This will occur on an annual basis.

No Abortion Curriculum

In compliance with Montana law, the District will not allow personnel to offer, sponsor, or furnish any course materials or instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted infections if the person or entity provides abortion services.

Legal References: Senate Bill 99 Parameters for K-12 Human Sexuality Education

§ 20-5-103, MCA Compulsory attendance and excuses (*Revised by* 

Senate Bill 99)

10.55.701, ARM Board of Trustees

Cross References: Policy 2015 Curriculum Development, Content, and Assessment

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