

Utah State Law And State Board of Education Rule

*Human Sexuality
Instruction*

Health Education, Science, Adult Roles Classes

UTAH STATE LAW

MANDATES:

- That instruction shall stress the importance of abstinence from all sexual activity before marriage and fidelity after marriage as methods for preventing certain communicable diseases.
- Instruction in human sexuality shall be consistent and systematic in grades 7 through 12.

UTAH STATE LAW

MANDATES:

- Teachers will comply with the parental consent requirements.
- Schools will instruct students in community and personal health, physiology, personal hygiene, and prevention of communicable disease.



State Board of Education Rule and Utah State Law Mandates:



*The following may
NOT be taught:*

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

State Board of Education Rule:

USOE Will:

- Approve all sexuality education programs through the State Instructional Materials Commission.
- Approve only medically accurate programs.
- Provide annual in-service programs and training on law and rules specific to human sexuality instruction for new and/or newly assigned teachers of human sexuality instruction.



State Board of Education Rule:

USOE Will:

- Provide a parent/guardian consent form with the guidelines that all schools will use.
- Receive and track parent and community complaints/comments.

State Board of Education Rule:

Course materials
and instruction
must be free from
bias related to the
following:

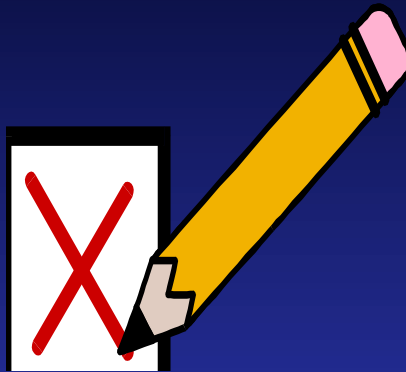
- Religious
- Racial
- Ethnic
- Gender



School District Responsibilities:

- Assure that all new and newly assigned teachers attend the state-sponsored in-service.
- Provide in-service update related to law/rule every 3 years.
- Establish a review committee to approve sexuality programs and guest speakers.
- Consider first those programs on the RIMS database.
- Use the USOE parental consent form.

School District Responsibilities:



- Record all complaints and comments.
- Report all materials *not* approved by the USOE.
- Work with parents (if requested) who have opted their children out of a course.
- Approve only medically accurate materials.
- May instruct in gender-separate settings.

School Educator Responsibilities:

- Participate in state and district in-service.
- Use the state-developed parental consent form.
- Individually record parent and community complaints, comments, and educator responses.



Utah School Educators May...

...respond to *spontaneous* student questions for the purposes of providing accurate data or correcting inaccurate or misleading information or comments made by students in class regarding human sexuality (answers must be scientifically accurate).

Choose to answer



School Educator Accountability:



If an educator willfully violates a law or the State Board of Education rule, they may face sanctions by the Commission.

Counselor, Nurse, or Other Guest Speaker Responsibilities:

- School counselors, nurses, and/or guest speakers must follow the same guidelines as teachers when providing instruction- extension of you.
- Guest speakers from outside the school system must be approved by the local review committee.



Parent Rights/Responsibilities:

- Review materials
- Sign the consent form with an option identified
- May exempt child from instruction (on parents' schedule)
- Instruct child in information missed in school



Materials/Instruction That Require Parental Consent As Indicated On Consent Form:

- R e p r o d u c t i v e anatomy and health
- C o n t r a c e p t i o n , including condoms
- Human reproduction
- HIV/AIDS
- Sexually transmitted disease
- Information on self-exams
- Rape/Date Rape

Procedures for Consent:

- Use the USOE consent form.
- Form may be sent within the first two weeks of class.
- Send the form home at least two weeks prior to the instruction, activity, etc.
- Written consent **MUST** be received **PRIOR** to instruction.
- If a form is not returned, there is **NO** consent and instruction shall **NOT** be given.
- No implied consent



Parent and School Educator Responsibilities:



If a student is exempted from material required by the Board-approved core curriculum course, the parent shall take responsibility for the student learning the required course material.

Procedures for Opted-Out Students:

- If requested, provide parents with materials for home instruction.
- Arrange for a supervised place within the school for the student to report during class time.
- Provide an alternative assignment (if appropriate).
- Make arrangements with student prior to class time.
- Do not test on information missed by opting out.

