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Background/Purpose:

The *Alberta Education (AE) Program of Studies (Grade K - 9)* mandates three themes in Health. Aurora School follows the *AE Program of Studies (Grade K - 9)*. The AE Program of Studies includes outcomes and topics related to human sexuality and parents reserve the right to exempt their children from this instruction.

Policy Statement:

Aurora School promotes good health within its school community. The aim of the *Health and Life Skills component of the AE Program of Studies (Grade K - 9)* is to enable students to make well-informed, healthy choices and to develop behaviours that contribute to the well-being of self and others. Aurora Schools believes that students require a safe and caring school and community environment in which to explore ideas and issues surrounding personal choice, to seek accurate information, and to practise healthy behaviours.

Guidelines:

1. The *AE Program of Studies (Grade K - 9)* has three general outcomes as the foundation of the Health and Life Skills program:
 - a. Wellness Choices
 - b. Relationship Choices
 - c. Life Learning Choices

Human Sexuality is a mandatory component of the Grades 4 to 9 program and is incorporated within these general outcomes. They are identified in the *AE Program of Studies (Grade K - 9)* for easy identification.

2. Health classes have a course outline that are distributed to students at the beginning of the year. Human sexuality topics will be bolded and italicized in the course outlines.
3. According to the *AE Program of Studies (Grade K - 9)*, upon written parent/legal guardian request, a student will be withdrawn from the human sexuality portion of the Health program and be given alternate Health learning studies by the teacher.

Accountability:

Monitored on a five-year cycle by the Superintendent in accordance with its annual work plan.

Reference:

AE Program of Studies (Grade K - 9)
AR 7071 - Human Sexuality