

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY

IHAMB

School Day

At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians of students in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District will be notified, in writing, of the courses and curriculum offered which primarily involve human sexual education or human sexuality issues.

The superintendent of schools will determine the administrator(s) responsible for sending the notice(s). Parents/Guardians of students who enroll in school after the start of the school year will be given the written notice at the time of enrollment. If the planned curriculum changes during the school year, to the extent practicable, parents/guardians will be notified of this fact in a timely manner before implementation.

Each such notice to parents/guardians will include a brief description of the curriculum covered by this policy, and will inform parents/ guardians that they may:

- 1) exempt their child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues, without penalty to the student, by sending a letter to the school principal requesting an exemption. Any student who is exempted by request of the parents/guardians will be given an alternative assignment. No child who is exempt shall be penalized by reason of such exemption.
- 2) inspect and review program instruction materials for these curricula, which will be made reasonably accessible to parents/guardians and others to the extent practicable. Parents/guardians may arrange with the principal to review the materials at the school, and may also review them at other locations that may be determined by the superintendent of schools.

A parent/guardian who is dissatisfied with a decision of the principal concerning notice, access to instructional materials, or exemption for the student under this policy, may send a written request to the superintendent for review of the issue. The superintendent or designee will review the issue and give the parent/guardian a timely written decision. A parent/guardian who is dissatisfied with the superintendent's decision may send a written request to the school committee for review of the issue. The school committee will review the issue and give the parent/guardian a timely written decision

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Legal References: MGL 71:32A