

Exemption from Instruction in Human Development and Sexual Health

Students may be exempted from instruction in Human Development and Sexual Health (strand D of the elementary Ontario Health and Physical Education curriculum) according to the conditions outlined in the Health and Physical Education (HPE) Curriculum Exemption Protocol (P14).

This form must be completed for each child associated with an exemption request.

Period of Instruction

For the 20 ____ - ____ school year, the period of instruction related to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in your child's grade will start on _____ and end on _____. The daily schedule for this instruction is attached. **Exemption requests must be submitted by _____.**

FOR PARENT COMPLETION *(Place a checkmark ✓)*

- I have reviewed the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in the elementary Ontario Health and Physical Education curriculum for my child's grade and would like my child exempted from instruction related to these expectations, without academic penalty.

During the exemption period, I would like my child to [*select one only*]:

- remain in the classroom without taking part in instructional activities related to Human Development and Sexual Health. I understand that my child's activities *unrelated* to Human Development and Sexual Health during the exemption period will be at the discretion of the teacher
- leave the classroom and remain in the school under staff supervision. I understand that my child's activities during the exemption period will be at the discretion of the teacher or principal
- be released into my care or the care of my approved designate

NOTE: If one of the three options above is not selected, the principal or the principal's designate will determine where in the school the child is to remain during the exemption period.

I understand and agree with the following statements:

- the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in strand D of the health and physical education curriculum are different in every grade, so I must submit a completed exemption form every school year, for each child, in order for the child

to be exempted from instruction related to Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in that school year

- references to or conversations about sexual health–related concepts among teachers, school staff, or other students outside formal instruction in Human Development and Sexual Health are not subject to this exemption
- my child will continue to receive instruction related to all other elementary health and physical education curriculum expectations
- requests for exemption made by phone, or exemption forms or written requests that do not have a parental signature, will not be accepted
- this exemption form must be returned by _____ for my child to be exempted from instruction related to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in strand D of *The Ontario Curriculum: Health and Physical Education, Grades 1–8, 2019*

Child's Last Name

Child's First Name

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Grade and Teacher

Date

PLEASE NOTE:

*Please return this signed form to your child's teacher by: _____

The principal will acknowledge this request and communicate the exemption procedure to you by _____ (date) via _____ [phone/email/letter].

The legal authority for the collection of this information is the *Education Act*. Users of this information will be the principal, staff and parents/guardians of the student. The form will be securely stored and retained in the student's Ontario Student Record (OSR) file in accordance with the OSR Guidelines, the board's Records Management Manual, and Policy 316. The form will be securely destroyed once the documents have met their required retention. For queries regarding the collection of this information, contact the principal of the school.