

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION RELATIVE TO SEX EDUCATION

In accordance with General Laws Chapter 71, Section 32A, the Reading School Committee has adopted this policy on the rights of parents and guardians of our students in relation to curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues.

At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians of students in our schools will be notified in writing of the curriculum we offer that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues. The Superintendent of Schools will determine the administrator(s) responsible for sending the notices. 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 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 the reasons said curriculum is offered. It will also inform parents/guardians that they may:

- (1) Exempt their child from any portion of said curriculum 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 parent/guardian under this policy may be given an alternative assignment.
- (2) Inspect and review program instruction materials for these curricula, which will be made reasonably accessible to parents/guardians and others. 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.

Any and all disputes arising under this policy shall be resolved in accordance with regulations adopted by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The Superintendent of Schools will distribute a copy of this policy to each principal by September 1 of each year.

Adopted by the Reading School Committee on March 26, 2007