

Sex Ed Policy

At Promontory School, as part of your child's 7/8 grade education, they will be enrolled in a health course that includes instruction and/or discussion on topics related to sex education that are controlled by state law and Utah State Board of Education rule.

A consent form must be sent to parents not less than two weeks prior to instruction of the identified topics. Under state law, your child cannot participate in the scheduled instructional class activities specified below unless and until the signed letter of permission is returned to the teacher identified on the form and on file. Signed forms will be kept on file at the school for a minimum of one year.

All instruction related to human sexuality or sexual activity will take place within the context of Utah State Law (53G-10-402) and Utah State Board of Education rule (R277-474) as follows:

- The public schools will teach sexual abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage.
- There will be prior parental consent before teaching any aspect of contraception or condoms.
- Students will learn about communicable diseases, including those transmitted sexually, and HIV/AIDS.

Program materials and guest speakers supporting instruction on these topics have been reviewed and approved by Promontory School's Sex Education Committee for Materials and Guest Speakers which is comprised of:

School Administrator(s), School Board Member(s), and Jr.High/Middle School Health Teachers. Promontory School uses only Utah State Board of Education materials/curricula.

The following are NOT approved by the State Board of Education for instruction and may not be taught:

- The intricacies of intercourse, sexual stimulation, or erotic behavior;
- The advocacy of premarital or extramarital sexual activity;
- The advocacy or encouragement of the use of contraceptive methods or devices.

In accordance with Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-474-7-4, teachers may answer spontaneous student questions to provide accurate data, correct inaccurate or misleading information, or respond to comments made by students in class regarding human sexuality.

Curriculum for this course includes instruction or discussion about the topics listed below. These topics will be listed on the parental consent form where parents/guardians must pre-check the boxes they wish their child to receive education on. Pre-checked items are required for instruction in health education 53G-10-402 (For Teacher Use Only):

sexual abstinence, human sexuality, human reproduction, reproductive anatomy, physiology, pregnancy, marriage, childbirth, parenthood, contraception, HIV and AIDS (including modes of transmission,) sexually transmitted diseases, refusal skills.

Factual, unbiased information about contraception may be presented as part of this course only if parents opt in. Demonstrations on how to use contraceptive means, methods, or devices are prohibited.

Promontory School honors parental rights to decline their child's involvement to participate in any of the discussions as described above. Your child will receive an alternative assignment of equal value and will not attend the regularly scheduled class on the day of this instruction. Your child will be provided a safe, supervised place within the school during this class. It will be his/her responsibility to report to the pre-arranged location, check in with the teacher or supervisor, and submit the completed assignment to the appropriate person.

Prior to returning the consent form, you can contact Promontory School to arrange a time to discuss the planned curriculum and review the materials.