



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
POLICY and PROCEDURES

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NO. 407 Sensitive Issues	July 3, 1996		1

It is the policy of the Tri-County Regional School Board to recognize that when offering courses such as Health, Personal Development and Relationships, and Biology, sensitive issues such as, but not limited to sexuality, abortion, morality, conception, suicide, religion, transmission of diseases (both sexual and communicable), AIDS, STD's may be part of the discussion.

It is recognized that both families and religious groups hold a variety of divergent views and teaching of such topics. The school principal or designate, and in turn, the teachers, will endeavour to be knowledgeable about, or ensure that a competent resource person is available, when discussion of these topics arise.

PROCEDURE under Policy No. 407

1. At all times, instruction in the classroom will recognize the rights, values and beliefs of students and their parents.
2. Each year prior to the teaching of sexual related topics, the school principal or designate will ensure that parents are informed about the courses; if necessary give an opportunity for parents to meet the teacher(s) who will present a synopsis of the course, and view or examine the teaching material as well as printed matter students will use in the class.
3. Written permission forms must be signed by the parents/guardians before a student can take part in human sexuality classes.
4. When parents/guardians formally request that their child be excused from participating in classes where AIDS and other sexual related topics are being discussed, the student must be excused without question.
5. When possible, an alternative program will be offered to students who are excused from this class.

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