Notice Form 2335-NF(1): Human Sexuality Instruction and Identity Instruction - Annual Notice

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Policy 2335F1 - Human Sexuality Instruction and Identity Instruction Annual Notice

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In accordance with § 20-7-120, MCA, the District hereby provides notice of human sexuality instruction and/or identity instruction included in the District's curriculum for the 2025 – 2026 school year as follows:

Courses and Related Activities Where the Topic of Human Sexuality Instruction Could Arise:

The district has three categories of activities that involve human sexuality instruction as defined at § 20-7-120, MCA.

1. **Health Enhancement Curriculum:** The first category consists of designated courses involving human sexuality instruction that are part of our health curriculum. Although none of these courses are exclusively devoted to human sexuality instruction, the topic of human sexuality does arise in the typical course delivery at various times. ***Course names and descriptions will be updated annually prior to notice being sent out.***
    a. Course 1, [K-12 Health (full year) ISBN #- 0-538-42985-2].

2. **Other Courses:** The second category consists of other courses where topics related to or involving human sexuality instruction arise incidentally through addressing topics germane to the course and consistent with accreditation standards. These courses include but are not limited to science and literature. ***Course names and descriptions will be updated annually prior to notice being sent out.***
    a. Course 1, [Child Development (full year) ISBN #- 978-1-68584-228-4].
    b. Course 2, [Biology (full year) ISBN #- 978-0-544-81798-2]
    c. Course 3, [Anatomy & Physiology (full year) ISBN #- 0-07-291932-9]

3. **Special Events and Student Assemblies:** The third category consists of special events and student assemblies periodically scheduled that touch on topics of student health and which may involve incidental mention of topics related to human sexuality instruction as defined in the law. The following are dates and times when such assemblies are scheduled during the upcoming school year: ***Event names and dates will be updated annually prior to notice being sent out.***
    a. Date 1, [Sex Education Speaker (Sheridan Memorial Provider)].

The term "human sexuality instruction" does not include a teacher's response to an unexpected student-initiated inquiry related to human sexuality instruction to the extent necessary to resolve the inquiry or to maintain civility and decorum in the classroom. However, teachers and other District personnel will address such inquiries on an age-appropriate basis using their professional judgment to the extent necessary to resolve the inquiry or to maintain civility and decorum in the classroom.

Courses and Related Activities Where the Topic of Identity Instruction Could Arise:

1. **Health Enhancement Curriculum:** The first category consists of designated courses involving identity instruction that are part of our health curriculum. Although none of these courses are exclusively devoted to identity instruction, the topics of gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation may arise in the typical course delivery at various times. ***Course names and descriptions will be updated annually prior to notice being sent out.***

    a. Course 1, [N/A]

    b. Course 2, [N/A]

    c. Course 3, [N/A]

2. **Other Courses:** The second category consists of other courses where topics related to or involving identity instruction arise incidentally through addressing topics germane to the course and consistent with accreditation standards. These courses include but are not limited to science and literature. ***Course names and descriptions will be updated annually prior to notice being sent out.***

    a. Course 1, [N/A]

    b. Course 2, [N/A]

    c. Course 3, [N/A]

3. **Special Events and Student Assemblies:** The third category consists of special events and student assemblies periodically scheduled that touch on topics of student health and which may involve incidental mention of topics related to identity instruction as defined in the law. The following are dates and times when such assemblies are scheduled during the upcoming school year: ***Event names and dates will be updated annually prior to notice being sent out.***

    a. Date 1, [N/A]

    b. Date 2, [N/A]

    c. Date 3, [N/A]

The term "identity instruction" does not include a teacher's response to an unexpected student-initiated inquiry related to identity instruction to the extent necessary to resolve the inquiry or to maintain civility and decorum in the classroom. However, teachers and other District personnel will address such inquiries on an age-appropriate basis using their professional judgment to the extent necessary to resolve the inquiry or to maintain civility and decorum in the classroom.

Notice of Your Rights:

As a parent/guardian of a student, you have the right to refuse to allow your child to attend or withdraw your child from a course of instruction, a class period, an assembly, an organized school function, or instruction provided by the district through its staff or guests invited at the request of the district regarding human sexuality instruction. The withdrawal or refusal to attend is an excused absence pursuant to § 20-5-103, MCA. If you would like your child to be excused from human sexuality instruction please complete, sign, and submit the attached form.

Additionally, the District may not allow a student to attend identity instruction unless the student's parent or guardian agrees in writing to allow the student to attend. A student is excused from participating in identity instruction unless the student fails to attend after the parent or guardian has agreed in writing to allow the student's attendance. If you would like your child to participate in identity instruction, please complete, sign, and submit the attached form. You have the right to revoke your permission for participation in identity instruction at any time by informing the District in writing of the revocation.

Links to Materials:

The following link will provide you access to the following:

1. The basic content of the district's or school's human sexuality instruction and/or identity instruction; and
2. All curriculum materials used in the district's human sexuality instruction and/or identity instruction.

Human Sexuality Instruction Opt-Out Form
For _____ School Year

A parent who does not want their student to receive human sexuality instruction at school may request to opt out of such instruction by completing this form.

I, _____, Parent or Guardian of, _____ a student enrolled at the School District, hereby request that my student not receive human sexuality instruction for the duration of the _____ school year in a manner consistent with the excused absence methods identified by the School District as specified in Section 20-5-103, MCA.

I understand my student will not attend and will be excused from any courses, special events, or student assemblies where human sexuality instruction occurs. I also understand that I may withdraw my request at any time by informing the District in writing of withdrawal of this request.

I acknowledge I have received notification of my rights in this area under Section 20-7-120, MCA, and have been provided an opportunity to review related information and materials on this topic.

_____ _____
Parent Date

Received by:

_____ _____
School Official Date

Identity Instruction Opt-in Form
For _____ School Year

A parent who wants their student to receive identity instruction at school must confirm their permission to do so by completing this form.

I, _____, Parent or Guardian of, _____ a student enrolled at the School District, hereby grant permission for my child to receive identity instruction for the duration of the school year. I understand that if my permission is not granted, my student will not be allowed to participate in identity instruction. I also understand that my permission may be revoked at any time by informing the District of the revocation in writing.

I acknowledge I have received notification of my rights in this area under § 20-7-120, MCA, and have been provided an opportunity to review related information and materials on this topic.

_____ _____
Parent Date

Received by:

_____ _____
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Montana Code Annotated	**Description**
20-5-103	Compulsory Attendance and Excuses
20-7-120	Excused Absences from Curriculum Requirements

Cross References

Code	**Description**
2132	Student and Family Privacy Rights
2158	Parent and Family Engagement and Educational Involvement
3120	Compulsory Attendance