



GreenWood Charter School

POLICY TITLE: Human Sexuality Education Policy

Revision History

Effective Date	Action Date	Revised
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Goals: Greenwood Charter School will promote abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage. Students will understand that sexuality includes more than sexual activity. Instruction will focus on how sexuality impacts one's values and goals, decisions about self and others, feelings, bodies, behaviors, habits and character, and relationships.

Greenwood follows Utah State Law. Please see the following: [HB 477](#), [53A-13-101.2](#), [R277-474](#), and [written parental consent form](#). At each level of instruction (elementary and middle school), parental consent is required.

Process of selecting instructional materials: The Curriculum Materials Review Committee will be formed by appointment of the Board. It shall be composed of parents, health professionals, school health educators and administrators, with an equal proportion of parents to administrative professionals serving on the committee (minimum of four members). The Committee shall:

- Select officers and recommend new members.
- Develop for Board approval a set of guiding principles for the selection of curriculum materials.

- Review and recommend to the Board of Directors basic instructional materials/programs, in alignment and compliance with Greenwood approved guiding principles. This includes all guest speakers and guest presenters and their respective materials relating to human sexuality instruction.

The Committee shall not authorize the use of any human sexuality instructional program or maturation education program not approved by the Board, and must be in compliance with R277-474-6, or approved under Section 53A-13-101(1)(c)(ii). The Committee will meet on an annual basis to verify compliance with Utah State Law as well as to review any proposals for curriculum change. All instructional materials must be presented to Greenwood's Governing Board of Directors for approval before being used in the classroom.

The membership of the Committee shall be appointed and reviewed annually by August 1 of each school year by the Board.

Maturation Education: Maturation instruction will be taught to 5th grade students and will provide age appropriate, accurate information regarding the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty, to assist in protecting students from abuse and to promote hygiene and good health practices (per R277-474). Boys and girls will be taught separately.

Human Sexuality Education: Human Sexuality instruction or instructional programs means any course, unit, class, activity or presentation that provides focused instruction or information to students about sexual abstinence, human reproduction, reproductive anatomy, physiology, pregnancy, marriage, childbirth, parenthood, contraception, or HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. (R277-474) Human Sexuality will be taught at Greenwood as part of a health unit in 8th grade.

Written parental consent is required before students can participate in the course. The form shall be sent to parents in advance of the class. **In compliance with 53G-10-402 parents may check a box on the consent form that allows them to ask for additional information and to review the content. If parents would like to appeal the curriculum they may do so by bringing it to the Board of Directors meeting prior to instruction.** Any student who has elected to opt out of instruction shall be provided with alternative assignments, per HB 447. Greenwood educators shall follow all provisions of state law including parent/guardian notification and will receive prior

written parental consent requirements under Sections 76-7-322 and 76-7-323 in teaching any aspect of human sexuality.