



POLICY 8850

ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY IN THE PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULA

POLICY:

Students and their parents or guardians may arrange for alternative delivery for certain sensitive topics contained in the following Education Program Guides:

- Physical and Health Education K-9
- Physical and Health Education 10

The education program guides above include certain sensitive topics related to reproduction and sexuality that some students and their parents or guardians may feel more comfortable addressing by means other than instruction by a teacher in a regular classroom setting.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to explain how students and their parents or guardians may, in consultation with their school, arrange for alternative delivery of instruction about reproduction and sexuality.

The Physical and Health Education 10 provincial curricula include topics related to reproduction and sexuality that some students and their parents/guardians may feel more comfortable addressing by means other than instruction by a teacher in a regular classroom setting.

In such instances, students, with their parents' or guardians' consent, may arrange to address topics related to reproduction and sexuality by an alternative means. This must be arranged in consultation with their school. The alternate means must be agreed upon by the students, their parents or guardians, and the school.

The alternate delivery policy does not allow students to “opt-out” of learning about these topics. It is expected that students will, in consultation with their school, demonstrate their knowledge of the learning standard(s) that have been arranged and taught by alternative means.

This alternate delivery policy does not apply to any other learning standards or learning outcomes in the education program guides listed above. Nor does it apply to any other British Columbia provincial curriculum.

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REFERENCES:

Ministerial Order 295/95, the [Required Areas of Study in an Educational Program Order \(PDF\)](#) says that Physical and Health Education K-9 is a mandatory part of an educational program offered to all students.

Ministerial Order 302/04, the [Graduation Program Order \(PDF\)](#) sets out the graduation program requirements. Physical and Health Education 10 and Planning 10 can be taken to fulfill a portion of these requirements.

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