



**North Star Academy**  
**Policy: Human Sexuality Instruction Policy**  
**Approved: December 4, 2014**

**Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Human Sexuality Curriculum taught at North Star Academy (the "School") is compliant with state law. The School will comply with applicable state law regarding the presentation of Human sexuality instruction or instructional programs.

"Human sexuality instruction or instructional programs" means any course, unit, class, activity or presentation that provides 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. While these topics are most likely discussed in courses such as health education, health occupations, human biology, physiology, parenting, adult roles, psychology, sociology, child development, and biology, this policy applies to any course or class in which these topics are the focus of discussion.

In accordance with state law, all human sexuality instruction or instructional programs will comply with the requirements of Utah Code § 53A-13-101 and -301 through -302 and Utah Admin Code R277-474. Specifically, the School will:

- teach sexual abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage as methods for preventing certain communicable diseases;
- teach personal skills that encourage individual choice of abstinence and fidelity;
- obtain prior parental consent before any human sexuality instruction or instructional program.

The Director will establish a curriculum materials review committee composed of parents, schools employees, and others selected by the Director. The committee will have at least as many parents as school employees. The committee will select officers and is subject to the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. The School's Board of Directors will approve the membership of the committee annually. If the School's Board of Directors is composed of a majority of parents, it may elect to act as the committee.

The curriculum materials review committee will review and make recommendations to the School's Board of Directors regarding instructional materials to be used by the School in connection with human sexuality instruction. Program materials and guest speakers supporting instruction on these topics must also be reviewed and approved by the curriculum materials review committee.

Instructional materials used by the School in connection with human sexuality instruction must be approved by the School's Board of Directors. These materials will comply with the requirements of applicable law and will be available for parents to review for a reasonable period of time prior to consideration for adoption by the Board of Directors.

The following topics may not be taught in the School:

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

The School will comply with the Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Utah Code § 53A-13-301, through -302 and obtain parental consent prior to any human sexuality instruction or instructional program. At no time will a student be in the classroom during any human sexuality instruction or instructional program unless an approval form signed by the student's parent/guardian is on file.

Instructors may not intentionally elicit comments or questions about matters subject to parental consent requirements. Additionally, instructors' responses to questions spontaneously raised by students must be brief, factual, objective and in harmony with content requirements of this policy and state law. Responses must also be age appropriate and limited in scope to that reasonably necessary under the circumstances.

The School will ensure that instructors with any responsibility for any aspect of human sexuality instruction will receive proper training. Additionally, the School will ensure that such instructors are familiar with requirements of the Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Signature:

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Trudy Sorenson, Board President

Date