

Morgan School District Superintendent Update
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Each year the Morgan School District Curriculum Materials Review Committee is required to review the district's Human Sexuality Policy. The review covers all course materials, lessons, activities or presentations that provide instruction or information to students about sexual abstinence, human sexuality, human reproduction, reproductive anatomy, physiology, pregnancy, marriage, childbirth, parenthood, contraception, HIV/AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases. The review also covers maturation instruction and materials used for the opt-in program delivered to students and parents in grades four through six. The review committee consists of parents, health professionals, school health educators, and administrators.

Students may not participate in any human sexuality instruction unless the school has a completed parental notification form relating to the specific instruction.

All health and human sexuality education in the Morgan School District stresses the importance of abstinence from all sexual activity before marriage and fidelity after marriage as methods of preventing sexually transmitted diseases. The following topics are not taught in Morgan District Schools:

1. The intricacies of intercourse, sexual stimulation, or erotic behavior.
2. The advocacy of premarital or extramarital sexual activity.
3. The advocacy or encouragement of the use of contraceptive methods or devices.
4. The advocacy of sexual activity outside of marriage.

In accordance with Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-474-6-D, teachers may respond to spontaneous student questions for the purposes of providing accurate data or correcting inaccurate or misleading information or comments made by students.

The Morgan School District also provides information and training to employees each year about sexual abuse prevention. The district has adopted the Prevent Child Abuse training which is also available to parents and other patrons at <https://pcau.enspark.com>.

There were no changes or additions to the Human Sexuality Curriculum taught in any of the Morgan Schools this year. However, the committee still meets and reviews the current policy and practices. The Morgan Board of Education determines what instructional materials will be used. All materials must be medically accurate and available for review during a public meeting. The next review will be held in August of 2019. However, parents of students in courses dealing with human sexuality are able to review instructional materials before they provide their consent.