

NOTICE AND CONSENT – HUMAN SEXUALITY FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the Alberta Physical Education and Wellness (Grades 4-6), Health and Life Skills (Grades 7-9), and CALM 20 curriculum, students learn outcomes related to growth & development and human sexuality.

In East Central Catholic Schools, all outcomes are presented in the context of our Catholic faith and rooted in the belief that each person is a child of God.

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In **Grade 9**, the student, as a child of God, will:

- Apply coping strategies when experiencing different rates of physical, emotional, sexual and social development; e.g., positive self-talk.
- Evaluate implications and consequences of sexual assault on a victim and those associated with that victim.
- Determine “safer” sex practices; e.g., communicate with partner, maintain abstinence, limit partners, access/use condoms/contraceptives properly.
- Identify and describe the responsibilities and resources associated with pregnancy and parenting.
- Develop strategies that address factors to prevent or reduce sexual risk; e.g., abstain from drugs and alcohol, date in groups, use assertive behaviour.

Please be advised that human sexuality instruction is tentatively scheduled to be taught in the month(s) of _____.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
(Teacher(s) Name)

Please fill out this form, sign it, and return it to the school by: _____

My child's name is: _____

*According to section 58.1(1) of the Education Act, you, as a parent/guardian, are the primary educators of your children and therefore parental **opt-in consent** is now required for your child to receive this instruction. It is possible to exempt your child from this instruction without academic penalty. If consent is not provided, your child will be offered a **supervised alternative learning** activity during the scheduled instruction time.*

- I consent to my child's full participation in all sessions involving the identified instruction.
- I do not consent to my child's participation in any portion of the instruction related to the identified topics.

***Please note that you are welcome to withdraw your consent at any time.**

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have received adequate notice of the content and purpose of the instruction, and that you are choosing whether or not your child may participate.

Parent Signature