

The District K-12 Health Education Curriculum is aligned with the NM Health Education Standards and Benchmarks as provided by the NMPED. This curriculum includes a Reproductive Health Unit in middle school and high school. 6.29.6.11 NMAC (2009).

Middle school

For 7th & 8th Grade Reproductive Health Unit: parent(s) may choose to opt-out their student from the Reproductive Health Unit.

The school will send home an informational letter which includes an opt-out form before the Reproductive Health Unit begins.

Any parent who wishes for their student to opt-out from receiving the Reproductive Health Curriculum must return the opt-out form before the Reproductive Health Unit begins.

High school

For the Reproductive Health Unit in the required high school Health Education Class (graduation credit): parent(s) can request an opt-out for their child only for the portions of the Reproductive Health Unit that correlate to the NMPED Sexuality Education Performance Standards.

The school will send home an informational letter which includes an opt-out form before the Reproductive Health Unit begins.

Any parent who wishes for their student to opt-out from receiving the curricular lessons related to the NMPED Sexuality Education Performance Standards must return the opt-out form to the Health Education Class teacher.

Any parent who returns the opt-out form may also attend a scheduled meeting with the Health Education Class teacher. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and arrange for the alternate lessons to be used. If parents return the opt-out form but do not meet with the Health Education Class teacher, then their student will automatically proceed with the alternate lessons.

The alternate lessons for this opt-out are currently included in the District-adopted, evidence-based Health Education curricular text materials. The alternate lessons do not include any discussion of contraception or teen sexual activity.

Legal Reference: 6.29.6.11 NMAC (2009).

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