

Instructional materials dealing with personal or sensitive subjects must be previewed by the instructor before they are introduced into the classroom. If materials are sensitive, but the instructor feels they are germane to the subject being taught, the principal, in consultation with the Superintendent or designee, shall adjudge their propriety and pertinence. The principal's deliberation should include among other things, consideration of the general standards of the communities served by the District and must be aligned with the District's curriculum and Educational Plan for Student Success, as found on the District's webpage.

The instructor is also responsible for personal or sensitive subjects introduced or discussed by guest speakers in the classroom. Instructors shall provide their students advance notice of the possibility of the use of sensitive materials prior to their use so that students who may find the materials offensive may seek to be exempted from that portion of the assignment or presentation and provided with an alternative assignment. Parents/Guardians may make such a request on behalf of their currently enrolled children in accordance with Board policy.

Instructors should notify the building principal immediately of any apparent problem which arises from the use of sensitive materials or from remarks by a guest speaker.

According to Board policy and law related to Health Education, at appropriate developmental levels, parents shall be given advance notice of presentations on topics involving human sexuality, and shall be given the ability to request that their child be exempted from health education curriculum that address human sexuality. 6.29.6.11 NMAC (2009).

Reference: SFPS Educational Plan for Student Success, <http://www.sfps.info/>.

Legal Reference: 6.29.6.11 NMAC (2009).

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