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1.0 Purpose

Wasatch Charter School believes the primary responsibility of sexuality and maturation education rests with the parents/guardians of each student. However, it is essential students understand and respect self and others related to human development and relationships. Therefore, some instruction may involve “Human Sexuality Education” and “Maturation Education.” In order to ensure the curriculum at Wasatch Charter School meets standards of accuracy and appropriateness, the following curriculum review process has been established.

2.0 Definition

“Curriculum Materials Review Committee” means a committee formed at the school level, that includes parents, health professionals, school health educators, and administrators, with at least as many parents as school employees. The membership of the committee shall be appointed and reviewed annually by August 1 of each year by the Governing Board, shall meet on a regular basis as determined by the membership, shall select its own officers and shall be subject to Sections 52-4-1 through 52-4-10 of the Utah Code.

“Human Sexuality Education” means any course, unit, class, activity or presentation that provides instruction or information to students about sexual abstinence, human reproduction,

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reproductive anatomy, physiology, pregnancy, marriage, childbirth, parenthood, contraception, or HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

“Maturation Education” means instruction and materials used to provide fifth or sixth grade students with age appropriate, accurate information regarding the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty, to assist in protecting students from abuse and to promote hygiene and good health practices.

(R277-474)

3.0 Policy Content

Governing Board Adoption of Human Sexuality Education and Maturation Education Instructional Materials

- A. The Curriculum Materials Review Committee shall recommend to the Governing Board of Wasatch Charter School, and the Governing Board shall approve by a majority vote, all instructional materials and curriculum related to Human Sexuality Education and Maturation Education.
- B. The Curriculum Materials Review Committee may recommend:
 - a. Materials and curriculum established by the Utah State Board of Education; or
 - b. Other materials and curriculum that comply with requirements of Utah law, including:
 - i. Emphasizes abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage, and prohibiting the instruction in:
 - 1. the intricacies of intercourse, sexual stimulation, or erotic behavior,

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2. the advocacy of homosexuality,
 3. the advocacy or encouragement of contraceptive methods or devices, and
 4. the advocacy of sexual activity outside of marriage; and
- ii. Are medically accurate as defined in § R277-474-1H of the Utah Administrative Code.
- C. All instructional materials and curriculum shall be available for reasonable review opportunities to parents/guardians of Wasatch Charter School students prior to consideration for adoption.
- D. The Curriculum Materials Review Committee and the Governing Board shall review on an annual basis the decisions of the Board regarding Human Sexuality Education and Maturation Education.

Parent/Guardian Authorization

- A. Parents/guardians will receive a parental notification and authorization form when “Human Sexuality Education” and “Maturation Education” instruction will be presented at Wasatch Charter School. Please note that a student will not be able to participate unless a signed authorization form is received by Wasatch Charter School from the parent/guardian. The absence of any students due to unauthorized participation in these activities will be considered an “Excused Absence.”
- B. Curriculum resources can be made available upon request regardless of a student’s participation in the school-provided program.

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4.0 Relevant Procedures, Guidelines & Restrictions

Other Requirements

Wasatch Charter School complies with all other reporting, professional development, and other Charter School requirements established by § 53A-13-101 of the Utah Code and R277-474-5 of the Utah Administrative Code.

5.0 Policy Owner

6.0 Exhibits / Appendices / Forms

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