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1.0 Purpose

Wasatch Waldorf 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 Waldorf 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, 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 Waldorf 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,
 - 2. the advocacy or encouragement of the use of contraceptive methods or devices, and
 - 3. the advocacy of sexual activity outside of marriage.
 - ii. Are medically accurate as defined in § R277-474-1H of the Utah Administrative Code.

- C. The Curriculum Materials Review Committee shall make all instructional materials and curriculum available for reasonable review to the parents/guardians of Wasatch Waldorf Charter School students prior to consideration for adoption by the Governing Board.
- 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 Parent/Guardian Consent Form when “Human Sexuality Education” and/or “Maturation Education” instruction will be presented at Wasatch Waldorf Charter School. (See appendix A.) Please note that a student will not be able to participate unless a signed consent form is received by Wasatch Waldorf 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 parental request regardless of a student’s participation in the school-provided program.

4.0 Relevant Procedures, Guidelines & Restrictions

Other Requirements

Wasatch Waldorf 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 Exhibits / Appendices / Forms

5.1 Appendix A: Parent/Guardian Consent Form



Utah State Board of Education Parent/Guardian Consent Form Human Sexuality Instruction

Parents must receive this form no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of instruction

Name of Student: _____

Course: _____ Teacher(s): _____

School: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Dear Parents/Guardian:

As part of your child's education, he/she has enrolled in a course that includes instruction on topics related to human sexuality. You are receiving this consent form because instruction and/or discussion of human sexuality topics are controlled by state law and/or Utah State Board of Education rule. Please read the form carefully, select **one option**, sign, and return to the teacher above. Your student will not be allowed to participate in class activities without this completed and signed form on file. Thank you.

Information

All instruction related to human sexuality and/or sexual activity will take place within the context of Utah State Law (53A-13-101) and Utah State Board of Education rule (R277-474) as follows:

- The public schools will teach sexual abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage
- There will be prior parental consent before teaching any aspect of contraception and/or condoms
- Students will learn about communicable diseases, including those transmitted sexually, and HIV/AIDS

Program materials and guest speakers supporting instruction on these topics have been reviewed and approved by the local district review committee.

The following are NOT approved by the State Board of Education for instruction and may not be taught:

- The intricacies of intercourse, sexual stimulation, or erotic behavior;
- The advocacy of premarital or extramarital sexual activity;
- The advocacy or encouragement of the use of contraceptive methods or devices;
- The advocacy of sexual activity outside of marriage.

In accordance with Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-474-7-D, teachers may respond to spontaneous student questions for the purpose of providing accurate data or correcting inaccurate or misleading information or comments made by students in class regarding human sexuality.

The curriculum for this course includes instructions and/or discussions about the topics checked below
For Teacher Use Only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> reproductive anatomy and health | <input type="checkbox"/> contraception, including condoms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> human reproduction | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV and AIDS (including modes of transmission) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> information on self-exams | <input type="checkbox"/> sexually transmitted diseases (terms of a sensitive/explicit nature may be defined) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> date rape | |

Factual, unbiased information about contraception and condoms may be presented as part of this course (only if the box above is checked). Demonstrations on how to use condoms or any contraceptive means, methods, or devices are **prohibited** and are **NOT** authorized.

Name of Student: _____

Options: Please read and check only one of the following:

Option 1

- I grant permission for my child to participate in the scheduled activities/discussions as described above

Option 2

- I grant permission for my child to participate in the scheduled activities/discussions as described above, with the exception of _____, I understand that my child will receive an alternative assignment of equal value and will not attend the regularly scheduled class on the day of this instruction.

My child will be provided a safe, supervised place within the school during this class period(s). It will be his/her responsibility to report to the pre-arranged location, check in with the teacher or supervisor, and submit the completed assignment to the appropriate person.

Option 3

- Prior to making a decision, I will contact you at the school within the next two weeks to arrange a time to discuss the planned curriculum and/or review the materials

Option 4

- I DENY permission for my child to participate in any of the scheduled activities/discussions as checked in the above box.

I understand that while my child is not involved in the exempted portion of the curriculum, he/she will be provided a safe, supervised place within the school during the class period(s), and will received an alternative assignment related to other elements of the course.

This consent form may be sent to parents within two weeks after the beginning of the course, but not less than two weeks prior to instruction of the identified topics. Under state law, your child cannot participate in the scheduled instructional activity specified above unless and until this signed letter of permission is returned to the teacher identified on this form. Signed forms will be kept on file at the school for a minimum of one year.

Please sign and return

I have read this form and have chosen one option from the preceding list

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Date: _____