Utah State Office of Education

Parent/Guardian Consent Form
Human Sexuality Instruction

Name of Student _____

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

Course:_____ Teacher(s):_____

School:_____ Telephone Number: _____

Dear Parent/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 identified 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 homosexuality;
- 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 R277-474-6-D, teachers may respond to spontaneous student questions for the purposes of providing accurate data or correcting inaccurate or misleading information or comments made by students in class regarding human sexuality.

Please choose *one* option for instruction listed on the reverse side of this page.

DISCLOSURE:

The curriculum for this course includes instructions and/or discussions about the topics checked in this box:

Teacher Use Only

☐ reproductive anatomy and health
☐ human reproduction
☐ information on self-exams
☐ date rape
☐ contraception, including condoms*
☐ HIV and AIDS (including modes of transmission)
☐ sexually transmitted diseases
(terms of a sensitive/explicit nature may be defined)

*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 the 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 periods and will receive an alternative assignment related to other elements of the course. I shall take responsibility, in cooperation with the teacher and the school, for the student learning the required course material identified on this form (State Board of Education Rule 277-474-5-D).

This consent form may be sent to parents within 2 weeks after the beginning of the course, but not less than 2 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: _____

Curriculum or Board Rules may be read at, or printed from, the Internet at: www.usoe.org