



FREEDOM
PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Sex Education Policy

Policy No. 47

1. Board Directive

It is the primary responsibility of parents to provide sex education for their children. It is the responsibility of the schools to provide supportive instruction that will complement the efforts in the home. The Board authorizes the school to conduct instruction on health, family life, character, refusal skills, and the harmful effects of pornography within the framework of guidelines established by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) and as approved by the Freedom Preparatory Academy Board.

2. Administrative Policy

School Administrators and teachers are to ensure the use of appropriate, approved and supportive educational instruction.

- a. Sex education is best described as that part of character education that develops a reverence and respect for birth and life, respect for the human body, respect for parenthood, and a respect for moral standards. It includes instruction to develop understanding of the physical, mental, emotional, social, economic, and psychological phases of human relations as they are affected by male and female relationships. It includes more than the anatomical and reproductive information, and it emphasizes the development of positive attitudes, and provides guidance for building healthy relationships.
- b. Programs and materials relating to sex education shall be an abstinence-based curriculum approved by the Utah State Board of Education (USBE).
- c. All instructional materials shall be medically accurate and evidence based.
- d. Sex education shall be conducted within the framework of already existing courses.

- e. Responsibilities of Freedom Preparatory Academy
 - i. School administrators involve community representatives and District personnel as members of a Health Education Committee. The Health Education Committee will review commercial materials, teacher prepared materials and professional programs considered for school use. Media, instructional materials and technology applications approved for use will be published and distributed to the schools.
 - ii. The Health Education Committee shall consist of the following: one (1) District/School Administrator, one (1) Secondary Principal/Assistant Principal, one (1) Elementary Principal/Assistant Principal, one (1) high school health teacher, one (1) middle school health teacher, one (1) school counselor, one (1) Board of Education member, and one (1) parent. Proposed courses of study, instructional units, and teaching materials relating specifically to sex education shall be screened by the Health Education Committee, and the approved list shall be submitted to the Freedom Preparatory Academy Board for review and approval. Approved materials are available for public viewing by request.
 - iii. The Health Education Committee shall review and report data to the local school board every two years as required by law. ([Utah Code 53G-10-402](#))
 - iv. Each elementary school shall plan an elective maturation program for each fifth-grade girl and her parents and each fifth-grade boy and his parents. The main purposes of the program will be to provide accurate information about sexual development and to encourage discussion in the home. Students may opt out of the program with written permission from their parents to their school. At the discretion of the school principal, students and their parents from other grades may be invited to attend.
 - v. Provide training for health educators, allowing them to review USBE rules and instructional materials once every three years.
- f. Responsibilities of Freedom Preparatory Academy Educators
 - i. Parent approval shall be obtained by sex education teachers in writing, using the USBE consent form. Materials that will be used in school presentations will be made available to parents upon request prior to the presentations taking place. Selected programs must come from the published, approved list.
 - ii. Use instructional materials that are medically accurate and aligned with the Utah Health Core. Teachers may respond to students'

questions to provide accurate data or correct inaccurate or misleading information.