

REVISED HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM: HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SEXUAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- There is no Human Development and Sexual Health Curriculum for Junior Kindergarten (JK) and Senior Kindergarten (SK)
- Many teachers teach the curriculum themselves and some bring in a Community Sexual Health Educator from an outside community agency such as the SHORE Centre. Sometimes a combination of teacher and external educator teach the curriculum
- Often teachers call in external educators because they are not comfortable teaching the curriculum or because they want their students to have the best up-to-date information
- The curriculum is taught in both co-educational and same-sex classes
- Each school and teacher decides when to teach the revised curriculum – it may be taught gradually throughout the year, as one unit over a few weeks or days, over one day or not at all - it is often taught in the spring
- Often letters are sent home to parents prior to the curriculum being taught
- SHORE Centre must be invited into schools by teachers and/or Principals
- As a parent you can ask your child's teacher and/or Principal when the curriculum is being taught, how it is being taught and what is being taught
- If the curriculum is not being taught, or is not being taught thoroughly, as a parent you can voice your opinion about the importance of this information to your child and other children
- Schools teach the facts about sexual health, parents teach values and beliefs about sexual health