Cambridge Public Schools Administrative Guidelines and Procedures

SEXUALITY EDUCATION

The Cambridge Public Schools ("CPS") shall take appropriate steps to notify the parents/guardians/caregivers of CPS students of any curriculum that primarily involves the education and discussion of human sexuality issues. Parents/guardians/caregivers shall have the flexibility to exempt their children from any portion of the sexuality curriculum through written notification to the school principal. No child so exempted shall be penalized by reason of such exemption.

To the extent practicable, program instructional materials for said curricula shall be made reasonably accessible to parents/guardians/caregivers, educators, school administrators, and others for inspection and review.

If a parent/guardian/caregiver is dissatisfied with an action or decision of a school principal, they may submit a written request within thirty (30) days of such action or decision to the Superintendent of Schools for review of the issue. The Superintendent will provide the parent/guardian/caregiver with a written decision within fifteen (15) days of the request, unless extenuating circumstances merit a delay.

If dissatisfied with the Superintendent's decision, the parent/guardian/caregiver may submit a written request to the Cambridge School Committee for review of the issue. The Committee will provide the parent/guardian/caregiver with a written decision within thirty (30) days of the request, unless extenuating circumstances merit a delay. The decision of the Committee is the final local decision on the matter.

Policy references: IHAM-1

Legal references: M.G.L.c.71, §32A

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