

<u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u> <u>POLICY</u>	
POLICY NUMBER:	P-3003
SUBJECT:	Health and Physical Education Curriculum Exemptions
REFERENCE:	GAP3001 : Exempting A Student from The Elementary Family Life Program Or The Health And Physical Education Curriculum
EFFECTIVE DATE:	December 10, 2019

"I accommodated myself to people in all kinds of different situations, so that by all possible means I might bring some to salvation."

1 Corinthians 9:22

1. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) fully supports the Ontario health and physical education curriculum. In accordance to the Ministry of Education *Policy/Program Memorandum No. 162* (PPM 162), when requested by a parent/ guardian, DPCDSB will provide a student exemption from instruction related to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations found in strand D of *The Ontario Curriculum: Health and Physical Education, Grades 1-8, 2019*.
2. Consistent with PPM 162, DPCDSB will allow students to be exempted from instruction on an individual basis, according to the following conditions:
 - a. Exemptions are limited to instruction related to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations found in strand D of *The Ontario Curriculum: Health and Physical Education, Grades 1–8, 2019*. Students will not be exempted from instruction related to any other expectations in this curriculum or related to expectations in other curriculum subjects.
 - b. Exemptions will be granted only for instruction related to all the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in a student's grade, and not for instruction related to selected expectations or groups of expectations.
 - c. References to human development and sexual health made by teachers, board staff, or students outside the intentional teaching of content related to the Human Development and Sexual Health expectations are not included in the exemption policy/procedure.
 - d. There will be no academic penalty for an exemption.
 - e. There will be no assessment, evaluation, or reporting of exempted students' achievement of Human Development and Sexual Health expectations in their particular grade. Exempted students' grade in health and physical education will be determined based on the overall expectations in strand D of the curriculum, without consideration of the specific expectations under Human Development and Sexual Health.