

Health Education Policy

The board recognizes the primary role of parents in providing for the health and well-being of their children and seeks to involve parents as provided in this policy. Any OHCS Health Program shall meet the standards required for charter schools in the state of North Carolina. As required by law, any health education program must include age-appropriate instruction. Instruction on gender identity, sexual activity or sexuality will not be included in the health education program in kindergarten through fourth grade.

A. Parental Opportunities to Review Materials and Withhold Consent for Student Participation

Parents have the right to review any health education material prior to the material being presented to their student. The principal or designee shall also notify parents of the right to withhold or withdraw consent for their child's participation in all reproductive health and safety education instruction. All parents who wish to participate in health and safety education programs must "opt-in" and complete the appropriate form. Any parent who does not complete the form will be considered as "opting-out" of the program.