



FAQs for Parents and Guardians

Helpful links

- [SD 38 Policy 106 – District Philosophy](#)

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SOGI-inclusive education is interwoven with many topics on diversity that are regularly discussed in schools, such as when teachers facilitate discussions about race, culture, religion and ability.

SOGI-inclusive education is a distinct and separate topic from sexual health education. Topics related to equity and diversity, including sexual orientation and gender identity, are interwoven through several curriculum areas and may come up in regular classroom discussions with students. Therefore, it is not possible to inform parents or guardians each time SOGI-inclusive content arises at school.

Sexual health education is part of BC's Physical and Health Education curriculum and focuses on the biological, physiological and reproductive aspects of human sexuality; it is taught separately and follows specific guidelines. Parents or guardians, in consultation with their child's school, may arrange for alternate delivery for certain topics contained in the Physical and Health Education curriculum for kindergarten to Grade 10 students.

Is SOGI-inclusive education appropriate for students

All students learn about topics such as respect, compassion and diversity, while more complex topics such as discrimination and injustice may be explored in a developmentally and age-appropriate manner. SOGI-inclusive resources assist educators in addressing fundamental human ideals such as diversity, acceptance and a sense of belonging. SOGI-inclusive education is essential for every child to understand the diverse world in which they live.

What if SOGI-inclusive education doesn't align with my family's values – can I remove my child from SOGI-inclusive education

Individual families will always have a range of opinions on many topics, and it is expected that some parents or guardians may be apprehensive about aspects of the school system that may not align with their family's values. That said, we ab

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This guide is intended to support schools in helping parents or guardians and community members understand Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)-inclusive education in Richmond schools.

Why SOGI-inclusive education

SOGI-inclusive education is about making schools a welcoming place for everyone and accepting everyone for who they are. Everyone has the right to live freely no matter their race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation.

SOGI-inclusive education is about giving everyone a safe and healthy school environment where all students can learn and thrive.

SOGI-inclusive education takes away the right for parents or guardians to know what their kids are being taught.