

## **EDUCATION: PROGRAMS**

## **Policy 514.2-R (previously 604.2-R)**

### **Health Guidance**

(9th to 13th years of the educational program)

1. Whenever an elective health guidance programme is proposed by a school, other than as provided by the Ministry of Education, an ongoing Health Guidance Advisory Committee of parents, teachers, and other appropriate resource people shall be formed.
2. All resource materials and all lesson outlines will be approved by the Health Guidance Advisory Committee and the principal of the school.
3. All health guidance programmes must be reviewed to ascertain whether they comply with the guidelines established by Resolution #280 - 76-05-07 (82-05-03). In addition:
  - (a) Senior staff will seek the input of Instructional Planning Committee, and
  - (b) The medical health officer must review all health guidance programmes to ensure their accuracy and appropriateness.
  - (c) Senior staff, following input from the medical health officer and the Instructional Planning Committee, will forward a summary of the programme to the Education Committee for information.
4. Following a review of the process and material to this point, the Superintendent of Schools will issue a letter of intent to the principal to enable the school to proceed with parent contact outlined in No. 5.
5. Parents, before they elect to have their child enrol in a health guidance programme as defined in 1:
  - (a) Will be informed by letter concerning the topics included in the health guidance programme. This letter will make reference to and include a copy of guidelines pertaining to 514.2 (previously 604.2).
  - (b) Should review all lesson, resource materials and handouts which would be made available at a meeting called by the school.
  - (c) Must sign a statement acknowledging that they have had an opportunity to review the materials.
  - (d) Must sign a permission slip requesting that their son or daughter enrol in the programme.
6. A letter authorizing the programme must be received by the applying school from the Superintendent of Schools or his designate, before implementing the programme.

7. All personnel involved in the health guidance programme will be approved by the principal.
8. Individual pamphlets, cards, or materials from outside agencies will not be given to students during the instructional health guidance programme unless approved by the Health Guidance Advisory Committee and the principal of the school.
9. Health Guidance programmes may be offered during the regular instructional day, after school, or in the evening.
10. Following the initial approval, the programme may be repeated from year to year providing no changes in the programme or personnel occur. A school would then be expected to complete points 4 through 10 of this regulation. Should any changes occur in the programme, teaching staff, or principal, all points of regulation 514.2-R (previously 604.2-R).must be followed.

**Note:** *Resolution 280, 1976-05-07, contains the Board's acceptance of principles and guidelines pertaining to Health Guidance in junior and senior secondary schools, and their implementation on an elective basis. These guidelines were prepared by a Citizens' Advisory Committee and an advisory committee of teachers, and follow as 514.1-R and 514.2-E.*