



Understanding The Proposed Health Education Standards For Nebraska Schools

WHAT'S GOING ON?

In March of 2021, the Nebraska Department of Education released a draft proposal for health education standards written by political activists without input from parents or key mainstream organizations. If approved by the Nebraska State Board of Education, local school boards would be asked to adopt the new health education standards.

The draft standards promote abortion and transgenderism, teach children that gender is fluid, and inject activist talking points into curriculum and classrooms.

WHAT'S IN THE PROPOSED HEALTH EDUCATION STANDARDS?

Under the draft health education standards from the Nebraska Department of Education:

- Kindergarteners would be taught about cohabitating and same-gender families.
- First-graders would be taught to define "gender identity and gender-role stereotypes."
- Fourth-graders would be taught that sex is "assigned" at birth and gender is fluid.
- Fifth-graders would be taught that "gender expression and identity exists along a spectrum."
- Sixth-graders would be taught about identifying with multiple sexual identities, including "bisexual, lesbian, gay, queer, two-spirit, asexual, and pansexual."
- Eighth graders would be taught abortion is "reproductive care" and how to develop a plan to eliminate an unintended pregnancy.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR CHILDREN IN NEBRASKA?

If the proposed health education standards are approved in their current form, kindergarteners and elementary students would receive sexualized, nonfactual, and age-inappropriate content from their teachers and be exposed to explicit messages and images in classrooms.

Children are our greatest gifts. While a culture—and sadly, a government—around us seeks to sexualize our children for the sake of a political agenda, we must protect our children and nurture their minds, bodies, and hearts. We will fight for their innocence and protect them from harm.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The Nebraska State Board of Education listened to public comments on the draft health education standards at their monthly meetings this spring. Parents and community members responded with an overwhelming flood of testimonies and written comments in opposition to the proposed standards.

Now, after the initial phase of public input, a second draft will be written. The next version will likely be released in the fall, after which the public can weigh in again. The Nebraska State Board of Education is expected to vote on a final version of the health education standards later this year.

To empower parents and local school boards to oppose the proposed health education standards, retain local control over their school's health curriculums, and reaffirm the rights of parents as primary educators of their own children, NFA is offering resolution language on our website and encouraging local school boards across the state to formally adopt the resolution rejecting the proposed standards.

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Visit our website **to find who represents you** and your family on the State Board of Education!

Contact your representatives on the State Board of Education and local school board, and urge them to oppose the proposed standards and comprehensive sex education. Find example emails and talking points on: nebraskafamilyalliance.org



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"The effective, fervent prayers of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16

Pray children and parental rights are protected in Nebraska. Ask for the State Board of Education members to have guidance as they make important decisions.