

**Sexual Education Parental Consent Policy**

Alberta's parental consent legislation came into effect on September 1, 2025

**Opt-in consent:** For lessons on gender identity, sexual orientation, or human sexuality, FCA will notify parents at least 30 days in advance and get explicit, written consent for their child to participate. Teachers are responsible for ensuring that parental consent is on file before addressing these topics formally.

* **Incidental references are exempt:** The opt-in policy does not apply to brief or incidental mentions of these topics in other subjects.
* **Resource approval:** Any instructional materials or presentations from third parties on these topics must be approved by the Minister of Education.
* **Consent for pronouns and names:**
	+ **Under 16:** Parental consent is required before a school can use a student's chosen name or pronouns related to their gender identity.
	+ **16 to 17:** Parents must be notified, but their consent is not required.
	+ **Nicknames:** Standard nicknames or shortened versions of legal names unrelated to gender identity do not require parental notification or consent.