



2026-2027 ANNUAL NOTICE for GRADES 5-8

September 7, 2026

Dear Families of Hellgate Elementary School Students,

In compliance with [Board Policy 2135 Human Sexuality Instruction and Identity Instruction](#), the following courses may include components of human sexuality education:

Courses:

- 5th & 6th Grade Health & Human Development
 - Puberty and Body Systems
- 7th & 8th Grade Health & Human Development
 - Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships
 - Reproductive System
 - Male, Female, Ovulation, and Fertilization
 - Personal Health
 - Pregnancy, Abstinence, Contraception, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections

Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss these courses with their children. Curriculum materials are available for public inspection before use. Specific notices will be sent 5-14 school days before instruction.

Electronic links to our health enhancement curriculum materials and summaries, and a calendar of planned human sexuality instruction events are provided below:

- Curriculum Materials: <https://www.hellgate.k12.mt.us/departments/curriculum>
- Calendar of Instruction:
 - Grades 5–6: April 2, 2027
 - Grades 7–8: November 16–20, 2026 & February 8-12, 2027

The District does not currently provide identity instruction. Should this change, written parental consent will be required.

Parents/guardians have the right to withdraw their child from Hellgate Elementary Schools' human sexuality instruction. If you wish to excuse your child from any portion of the curriculum, you may do so by completing the written request included in this letter to your child's principal or administration assistant. Please contact your school principal or the Director of Curriculum and Assessment if you have additional questions or concerns.

We look forward to teaching your child this year!

Sincerely,

Molly Blakely, Ed.D., Superintendent
Erin Ellis, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum and Assessment

Tiffany Hobbs, Intermediate Principal, Gr. 4-6
Jamie Courville, Middle School Principal, Gr. 7-8



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As the parent/guardian, you have the right to excuse your child from this lesson. Your child can be excused for the entire day of school or just for the time the lesson is being taught. We will provide them with an alternative activity should you choose to have them excused.

If you wish to excuse your child, you may submit the attached written form or call your building administrator/administrative assistant directly.

Hellgate Intermediate School, Building #3 (Grades 4–6)

- Tiffany Hobbs, Principal – (406) 721-2452
- Angie Hill, Administrative Assistant – (406) 721-2452

Hellgate Middle School, Building #4 (Grades 7–8)

- Jamie Courville, Principal – (406) 532-4590
- Sarah Dennis, Administrative Assistant – (406) 532-4590

Student Name:	Grade:
Teacher:	
Human Sexuality Activities/Instruction for which your child should be excused (circle one):	
5th Grade	6th Grade
7th Grade	8th Grade
Health & Human Development	
Dates/Class Periods to be excused:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date: