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<p data-bbox="256 262 316 294"><u>647.</u></p> <p data-bbox="162 325 414 394">Sex Education Parental Notification</p> <p data-bbox="186 1501 389 1533">Adopted 10/9/97</p>	<p data-bbox="446 283 1469 367">In accordance with General Laws Chapter 71, Section 32A, the Shrewsbury School Committee has adopted this policy on the rights of parents and guardians of our students in relation to curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues.</p> <p data-bbox="446 388 1469 619">At the beginning of each school year, all parents/guardians of students in our schools will be notified in writing of the courses and curriculum we offer that primarily involve human sexual education or human sexuality issues. The building principal will be responsible for such notification. Parents/guardians of students who enroll in school after the start of the school year will be given the written notice at the time of enrollment. If the planned curriculum changes during the school year, to the extent practicable, parents/guardians will be notified of this fact in a timely manner before implementation.</p> <p data-bbox="446 640 1380 714">Each such notice to parents/guardians will include a brief description of the curriculum covered by this policy, and will inform parents/guardians that they may:</p> <ol data-bbox="446 735 1429 1092" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="446 735 1429 903">(1) exempt their child from any portion of the curriculum that primarily involves human sexual education or human sexuality issues, without penalty to the student, by sending a letter to the school principal requesting an exemption. Any student who is exempted by request of the parent/guardian under this policy may be given an alternative assignment which will be clearly stated on the permission slip. <li data-bbox="446 924 1429 1092">(2) inspect and review program instruction materials for these curricula, which will be made reasonably accessible to parents/guardians and others to the extent practicable at the time of notification. Parents/guardians may arrange with the principal to review the materials at the school, and may also review them at other locations that may be determined by the Superintendent of Schools. <p data-bbox="446 1123 1469 1438">A parent/guardian who is dissatisfied with a decision of the principal concerning notice, access to instructional materials, or exemption for the student under this policy may send a written request to the Superintendent for review of the issue. The Superintendent or designee will review the issue and give the parent/guardian a timely written decision, preferably within two weeks of the request. A parent/guardian who is dissatisfied with the Superintendent’s decision may send a written request to the School Committee for review of the issue. The School Committee will review the issue and give the parent/guardian a timely written decision, preferably within four weeks of the request. A parent/guardian who is still dissatisfied after this process may send a written request to the Commissioner of Education for review of the issue in dispute.</p> <p data-bbox="446 1470 1380 1533">The Superintendent of Schools will distribute a copy of this policy to each principal by September 1 of each year.</p>	