

# Sexuality Education Program: Request for Exemption

## What is the Sexuality Education Program?

The Sexuality Education Program curriculum will be presented by English Montreal School Board (EMSB) trained teachers selected by your school principal and may include presentations from EMSB approved experts in the field of sexuality. You may review the curriculum content and instructional materials by visiting <http://www.emsb.qc.ca/> or by scheduling an appointment with your child's school. Additional parent resources are available at:

- [http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/site\\_web/documents/education/adaptation-scolaire-services-comp/EDUC-Apprentissages-Sexualite-GrandPublic-EN.pdf](http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/site_web/documents/education/adaptation-scolaire-services-comp/EDUC-Apprentissages-Sexualite-GrandPublic-EN.pdf)
- <https://youtu.be/eV92ALv-TGw>
- <https://youtu.be/scJcrNcsfpA>

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If you wish to have your child excused, this form must be completed and submitted below at least **15 DAYS** prior to the scheduled activity or content being taught and following a meeting with the principal of your child's school. Failure to return this form constitutes permission for your child to participate in ALL content of the Sexuality Education Program.

Provided below, are conditions for exemption requests for all parents of EMSB students as indicated by the Ministry of Education of Quebec. There are TWO exemption conditions:

1. The activity or the content could cause the student psychological harm.
2. The activity or the content could infringe upon a fundamental right or freedom guaranteed by the Canadian and Québec charters.
  - a. The Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms can be consulted at the following address:  
<http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/showdoc/cs/C-12>
  - b. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms can be consulted at the following address:  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/how-rights-protected/guide-canadian-charter-rights-freedoms.html>

The parent must submit a justified request for exemption, with the form provided, for every activity or content in sexuality education from which he or she wishes to exempt his or her child during the current school year.

An exemption request can only concern one child.

The exemption request cannot be submitted for sexuality education as a whole and it cannot cover more than one school year (e.g. cover all the activities or content of a specific theme offered throughout elementary or secondary school).

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## Student Information

Student Name (First/Last):	
School:	
Permanent Code:	
Grade Level:	

## Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Information

	Parent/Guardian 1:	Parent/Guardian 2:
Name (First/Last):		
Address:		
City, Province, Postal Code:		
Home Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
E-Mail Address:		

## Affidavit

I had a meeting with a School Administrator (Principal and/or Vice Principal) to discuss exemption on:

My child **is not to take part** in the following activity or content in the Sexuality Education Program:

### Reason for the Request: Psychological Harm

- The activity or content causes my child psychological harm.
- Professional documentation attached confirming the risk of psychological harm.

Explain nature of the anticipated psychological harm:

### Reason for the Request: Infringes Upon Freedom Or Right

- The activity or content infringes upon my fundamental freedom or right guaranteed by the Canadian and Québec charters.

Specify the fundamental freedom or right guaranteed by the Canadian and Québec charters:

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Explain how the activity or content could infringe upon the fundamental freedom or right guaranteed by the Canadian and Québec charters:

## Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

*I declare under oath that everything stated in the present document is the truth.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (DD-MM-YY): \_\_\_\_\_

## Commissioner for Oaths Signature

*Declared under oath before me at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of the locality)  
this \_\_\_\_\_ (date).*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner for Oaths for Québec

Commissioner number: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner for Oaths for Québec and for outside Québec

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT**, **SIGN** and **EMAIL** to [exemptions@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:exemptions@emsb.qc.ca)

All documents must be received before your request can be reviewed by a committee. **Incomplete requests will not be processed.**

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Reviewed by committee

Approved

Denied

Date: \_\_\_\_\_