



# Good Foundations Academy

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## Instruction for Fifth Grade Maturation Policy

### **PURPOSE**

It is the position of Good Foundations Academy (the “School”) that the primary responsibility of providing sex education and maturation education belongs to a student’s parents. The School shall provide supportive instruction to aid the conversations happening in the home. The Board of Directors (the “Board”) authorizes the School to conduct maturation education instruction in accordance with guidelines and rules established by the Utah State Board of Education, including Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-474.

### **POLICY**

The School shall provide an elective maturation presentation for each fifth-grade boy and fifth-grade girl. This presentation will provide age appropriate, medically accurate information about how bodies change during puberty.

Written parent approval will be obtained by classroom teachers at least two weeks prior to providing the maturation presentation, using the Utah State Board of Education maturation instruction consent form. Students whose parents do not sign the consent form will not receive the maturation presentation.

Curriculum will focus on accurate information that aligns with the Utah Health Core Standards. This information will be made available to parents upon written request prior to the presentation. Curriculum and presenters used for this presentation will be approved by a committee and the Board as set forth below.

Annually, the Board will form an ad hoc committee of community representatives and School employees to review and consider curriculum materials and presenters for each year’s maturation presentation. The Board will appoint and review members of the committee on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> each year. The committee must have at least as many parents as School employees.

The committee will consist of:

- (1) School Administrator;
- (2) Fifth-grade Teacher;
- (3) Health Professional; and
- (4) Two Parents of students who attend Good Foundations Academy.

Parents must be from separate families. The ad hoc committee will screen and approve curriculum materials and presenters used for the maturation presentation. The School Administrator will present the approved curriculum materials and presenter(s) to the Board with a recommendation that the Board adopt them. The Board will then vote on the curriculum materials and presenter(s) at a Board meeting.

If a parent or legal guardian of a fifth-grade student attending the School disagrees with the curriculum materials approved by the Board, they have 30 days after approval by the Board to submit a written request for review. A written request must address specific content to which the parent or legal guardian objects. The Board will review the request and make a decision about the curriculum materials at a subsequent Board meeting.

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