

The role of parents in the community consultation

Section 60B of the Education Act requires schools to consult with their community about their health education programme

Health education is the only part of the school's curriculum where the law specifically requires the Board of Trustees to consult with the school's community.

The board must:

- Consult with the school community at least once every two years on how the school will implement health education.
- Consult with:
 - The parents of students enrolled at the school and, in the case of a state-integrated school, the school's proprietors.
 - Any other person that the board considers is part of the school community.
- Prepare a draft statement that describes how the school will implement the health education components of The New Zealand Curriculum.
- Plan a consultation that it considers will inform the school community, determine what they want (in terms of how health education should be implemented), and, in broad terms, what the student health education needs are.
- Allow the community enough time to comment.
- After consultation, adopt a statement on the delivery of health education.

For a more detailed information about the consultation process and requirements, see: [Sexuality education: A guide for principals, boards of trustees, <http://health.tki.org.nz/Teaching-in-HPE/Policy-guidelines/Sexuality-education-a-guide-for-principals-boards-of-trustees-and-teachers>](http://health.tki.org.nz/Teaching-in-HPE/Policy-guidelines/Sexuality-education-a-guide-for-principals-boards-of-trustees-and-teachers)