

Composition for Sex Education Advisory Boards (SEAB)

School districts choosing to implement sex education must have the following:

Advisory Board Chairs - Two co-chairs must be appointed by the school board to chair the sex education advisory Board, at least one of whom is a parent of a child attending a school operated by the school district. The other co-chair is generally school personnel (health teacher, curriculum director, school nurse).

SEAB Membership Selection & Terms - Michigan law states that the local school board will determine the terms of service, the number of members, and a membership selection process that reasonably reflects the school district population.

SEAB Membership – The members must include:

1. **Parents** of children attending the district's schools (recommend a parent from each building level, special education, alternative education)
2. **Pupils** in the district's schools (recommend upper classman, male & female)
3. **Educators** (recommend teacher from each building level, at a minimum a secondary teacher who provides sex education instruction).
4. **Local clergy** (can be a youth minister)
5. **Community health professionals** (Recommend a school nurse, provider from the school based health center, or health department. A physician or medical person does meet the mandate, however it is optimal if the person works with children/adolescents or in the area of reproductive health).

At least **half of the members must be parents** who have a child attending a school operated by the school district. A **majority of those parent members must not be employed by a school district** (this does not include private schools or higher education).

Meeting Notice – Members must be given two weeks written or electronic notice of meetings. Because of this requirement, it is suggested to set the meeting calendar at the first meeting, put it in the minutes of the meeting and send an email to all members with the dates and times of the meetings for the year. Best practice and courtesy dictates that a reminder notice be sent prior to each meeting.

Role of the SEAB – Michigan law requires that school districts choosing to teach sex education must have an advisory board. The SEAB is responsible for the following:

1. Establish goals and objectives for student knowledge and skills;
2. **Review materials** and methods of instruction used and make recommendations to the board of the school district for implementation;
3. Evaluate, measure and report the attainment of program goals and objectives at least once every two years.\

Law: §380.1507(5) Composition of advisory board.

The board of a school district shall determine terms of service for the sex education advisory board, the number of members to serve on the advisory board, and a membership selection process that reasonably reflects the school district population, and shall appoint 2 co-chairs for the advisory board, at least 1 of whom is a parent of a child attending a school operated by the school district. At least 1/2 of the members of the sex education advisory board shall be parents who have a child attending a school operated by the school district, and a majority of these parent members shall be individuals who are not employed by a school district. The board of a school district shall include pupils of the school district, educators, local clergy, and community health professionals on the sex education advisory board.