

Instruction

FAMILY LIFE AND SEX EDUCATION

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The Board of Education recognizes that helping students attain a mature and responsible attitude toward human sexuality is a continuous task of every generation. Parents or guardians have the primary responsibility to assist their children in developing moral values. The schools should support and supplement parents or guardians' efforts in the areas of family life and sex education by offering students factual information and opportunities to discuss concerns, issues, and attitudes inherent in family life and sexual behavior, including traditional moral values.

To comply with the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act, the Superintendent will, in writing, notify the professional staff of the federal requirements concerning sex education and the prohibitions and restrictions concerning distribution of contraceptives or materials that encourage sexual activities. The District will comply with federal guidelines concerning age appropriate sex education.

The Citizens Family Life Committee, established by the Board of Education, assists the staff in planning, developing and monitoring the family life and sex education curriculum. It will also serve as a resource for evaluation and ensuing recommendations. The committee shall be advisory to the District Curriculum Committee and shall work in cooperation with the Superintendent or designee.

Students and parents or guardians shall be informed annually of their right to exempt the student from the family life curriculum.

Family Life Exemption

In accordance with Section 10-16e of the Connecticut General Statutes, parents or guardians may exempt their child from the Family Life / Physical Growth and Development lessons of the health curriculum at any grade level by notifying the building principal in writing of their request.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-16b Prescribed courses of study
 10-16c State board to develop family life education curriculum guides
 10-16d Family life education programs not mandatory
 10-16e Students not required to participate in family life education
 programs
 10-16f Family life programs to supplement required curriculum
 20 U.S.C. 7906 No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

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