

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

The board of education shall maintain a family life education curriculum that provides material suited to each grade level, presented in a manner intended to foster respect for the human body and an understanding of how human sexuality affects personal and family relationships in conformance with the Core Curriculum Content Standards

The curriculum, developed under the supervision of the chief school administrator with the active participation of teachers, administrators, pupils, parents/guardians, physicians, members of the clergy and representative members of the community, shall be available to all parents/guardians. An outline of the curriculum and list of instructional materials for the grades of their children are posted on the district website.

The chief school administrator shall ensure that the curriculum developed is articulated to that of the elementary school(s), so that the transition from elementary to secondary approaches to this material will be easy for all pupils.

Any pupil whose parent/guardian presents to the school principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in health, family life education or sex education is in conflict with their conscience, or moral or religious beliefs, shall be excused from that portion of the course where such instruction is being given, and no penalties as to credit or graduation shall result there from.

The board urges all parents/guardians to become familiar with these courses and to participate in their development.

The board of education alone, upon recommendation of the chief school administrator, shall determine the content, sequence and materials of family life education.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.6

through -4.8 Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979

N.J.S.A. 18A:35 4.19

through 4.22 AIDS Prevention Act of 1999

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1 Curriculum and instruction

N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2 Documentation of student achievement

Pupil Protection Rights Amendment - 20 U.S.C. 1232h

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, PL. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.