

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

A family life education curriculum which will be in compliance with New Jersey Administrative Code and shall provide 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.

The curriculum, developed under the supervision of the Superintendent 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 shall be sent to parents/guardians annually.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the curriculum developed is articulated so that the transition from elementary to secondary will be easy for all pupils.

Any pupil whose parent/guardian presents to the building principal a signed statement that any part of the instruction in health or family life 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 therefrom. Alternate assignments will be provided to students excused from any portion of the course.

Family life education means instruction to develop understanding of the physical, mental, emotional, social, economic, and psychological aspects of interpersonal relationships; the physiological, psychological and cultural foundations of human development, sexuality, and reproduction at various stages of growth; and the opportunity for pupils to acquire knowledge which will support the development of responsible personal behavior, strengthen their own family life now, and aid in establishing a strong family life for themselves in the future, thereby contributing to the enrichment of the community.

The Board urges all parents/guardians to become familiar with these courses and to participate in their development as provided by the Administrative Code.

The Board of Education alone, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, shall determine the content, sequence and materials of family life education.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:35-4.6 through -4.8	Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-4.3	Quality assurance
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-4.2	Family life education program

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts
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Possible

Cross References:

*1220	<u>Ad hoc</u> advisory committees
*5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
5141.6	Crisis intervention
*6122	Articulation
*6140	Curriculum adoption
*6142	Subject fields
*6142.13	HIV prevention education
*9130	Committees

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

