

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION/SEX EDUCATION

The Board believes that the purpose of family life and sex education is to help students acquire factual knowledge, attitudes, and values which result in behavior that contributes to the well-being of the individual, the family, and society.

Helping students attain a mature and responsible attitude toward human sexuality is a continuous task of every generation. Parents have the primary responsibility to assist their children in developing moral values. The schools should support and supplement parents' efforts in these areas by offering students factual information and opportunities to discuss concerns, issues, and attitudes.

In addition to the requirements listed below, the policies and regulations concerning the approval of new curriculum content, units, and materials apply to any course(s) dealing with family life and sex education offered by the District:

1. Instructional materials to be used in family life/sex education are available for review by parents during school hours.
2. Teachers who provide age-appropriate instruction in family life/sex education have professional preparation in the subject area.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3313.6011(C)(1), the course material and instruction in venereal disease must:

1. emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity is the only protection that is 100% effective against unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, and the sexual transmission of HIV;
2. stress that student should abstain from sexual activity until after marriage;
3. teach the potential physical, psychological, emotional, and social side effects of participating in sexual activity outside of marriage;
4. teach that conceiving children out of wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child's parents, and society;
5. stress that sexually transmitted diseases are serious possible hazards of sexual activity;
6. advise students of the laws pertaining to financial responsibility of parents to children born in and out of wedlock;
7. advise students of the circumstances under which it is criminal to have sexual contact with a person under the age of 16 pursuant to RC 2907.04 and
8. emphasize adoption as an option for unintended pregnancies.

Upon written request of the student's parent or guardian, a student must be excused from taking instruction in venereal disease education.

If the District or a school offers additional instruction in venereal disease or sexual education not specified in RC 3313.6011 (C)(1), all parents or guardians of students must be notified of such instruction. The notice includes the name of any instructor, vendor name when applicable, and the name of the curriculum being used. This additional instruction is only provided to students for whom the student's parent or guardian has submitted written permission for their student to receive the instruction.

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LEGAL REFS.: Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
ORC 3313.60; 3313.6011
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CROSS REFS.: IGAE, Health Education