

Instruction

Family Life Education

The Board of Trustees believes that a wholesome, well-planned sequence of instruction about family life is essential to the general education of all students. Lack of information or pervasive misinformation can cause low self-esteem, increased risk for sexually transmitted disease, unintended pregnancy or sterility and school dropout.

The district family life education program shall encourage students to be abstinent and to conceptualize sexual behavior in the ethical and moral context of marriage. The program shall be age-appropriate and emphasize that abstinence from sex is the only totally effective protection against unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted AIDS.

Teachers who provide instruction in family life education shall have professional preparation, either pre-service or in-service, in the subject area.

Parental Notification and Involvement

Parents/guardians shall be notified in writing before students are offered any instruction in which human reproductive organs and their functions, processes or diseases are described, illustrated or discussed. This notification shall inform parents/guardians that they may request in writing that their child not attend the class. No student shall attend such instruction if the school receives this request. (Education Code 51550, 51820) At the parent/guardian's request, any student may be excused from any part of Family Life education instruction.

(cf. 1312-2 – Controversial Issues)

All materials used for the above instruction shall be available for inspection by parents/guardians at reasonable times and places prior to the onset of instruction. The above notification shall inform parents/guardians of their right to inspect these materials. (Education Code 51550, 51820)

(cf. 1312.1 – Complaints Concerning Instructional Material)

The notifications specified above shall be either mailed to all parents/guardians or sent home with all students at the beginning of each school year. If notice is sent home with the students, parents/guardians shall be asked to sign and return to the school a slip indicating that they have read the notification. If the slips are not returned, parental approval shall be confirmed by mail.

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Family Life Education (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Notice at beginning of term

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51930-51939 Comprehensive Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1255.7 Parents surrendering physical custody of a baby

PENAL CODE

243.4 Sexual battery

261.5 Unlawful sexual intercourse

271.5 Parents voluntarily surrendering custody of a baby

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232h Protection of Student Rights

7906 Sex education

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