

**FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION**

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The Board of Education recognizes that the purpose of family life education is to help students acquire factual knowledge, skill attitudes, and values which will result in behavior that contributes to the well-being of the individual, the family, and society. Among other things, family life education provides instruction directed toward enabling students to discuss effectively problems with family members. Such communication shall include the willingness and ability to listen, accept criticism, and respond orally with openness, frankness, and honesty, thus demonstrating a mutual respect and love for other members of the family.

Helping students attain a mature and responsible attitude toward human sexuality is a continuous task of every generation. Parents have the prime responsibility to assist their children in developing moral values. The schools should support and supplement parents' 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. In courses where human reproductive organs and their functions and processes are described, illustrated, or discussed, parents or guardians may request in writing that their children not attend.

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