

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

The Board of Education shall maintain a family life education curriculum in conformance with the Core Curriculum Content Standards 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.

The curriculum, developed through the district's participation in the Northern Valley Regional Office of Curriculum and Instruction, under the supervision of the Superintendent with the active participation of teachers, administrators, students, parents/guardians, physicians, members of the clergy and representative members of the community, shall be available to all parents/guardians. The Board shall ensure compliance with all requirements of state and federal law concerning the content of the curriculum and distribution of materials. An outline of the curriculum and list of instructional materials for the grades of their children shall be available to parents/guardians annually.

The Superintendent shall ensure that the curriculum developed is articulated throughout the District as well as with that of the other constituent districts and the Northern Valley Regional High Schools.

Any student 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 grades, credit or graduation shall result,

An excused student shall be assigned to an alternate program of independent study on a substitute topic within the health education, family life education, or sex education program. The parent's or legal guardian's right of excusal applies to any alternate program as well.

No excused student will be penalized by loss of credit as a result of his or her excusal, but a student will be held accountable for successful completion of any alternate program assigned.

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 Superintendent, shall determine the content, sequence and materials of family life education.

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
N.J.A.C. 6A:30 Evaluation of the performance of school districts
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements

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

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

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<u>Cross References:</u>	*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.

Key Words

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