

FAMILY LIFE/SEX EDUCATION

Fifth grade students receive family life instruction as part of the science curriculum. In Grades 6, 7, and 8, instruction in family life is conducted in the student's science class.

All students in Grade 9 are required to complete a semester class in health and family life. The Governing Board believes that a wholesome, well-planned sequence of instruction about family life and human sexuality is essential to the general education of all students. Lack of information or pervasive misinformation can cause low self-confidence, increased risk for sexually transmitted disease and infection, unintended pregnancy or sterility, and school drop out. The District curriculum shall help students understand the biological, psychological, social, moral, and ethical aspects of human sexuality.

Coeducational/Non-Coeducational Instruction

Instructional courses in sex education and venereal disease education shall not be coeducational except where specific approval or authorization is given by the Governing Board.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

48980 *Required notification of rights and availability of nutrition and individualized instruction programs*

51202 *Instruction in personal and public health and safety*

51240 *Excuse from health instruction and family life and sex education due to religious beliefs*

51550 *Sex education courses*

51553 *Sex education*

51820 *Venereal disease instruction; written notification to parent;*

inspection of instructional material; consensual pupil participation

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