

FAMILY LIFE/SEX EDUCATION

The district family life/sex 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 shall address a full range of topics, including parenting and birth control, and shall emphasize that abstinence from sex is the only totally effective protection against unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and sexually transmitted AIDS. All courses that discuss sexual intercourse shall satisfy the criteria established by law. (Education Code 51553)

At the secondary level, the family life/sex education program shall be placed in a course that is required for all students.

Teachers who provide instruction in family life/sex education shall have professional preparation, either preservice or inservice, in the subject area.

EVALUATION

The Superintendent shall ensure that family life/sex education materials and instruction are continuously evaluated in light of information received from students, parents/guardians, and teachers. Such information can indicate what students did or did not learn, whether the program was workable for the teachers, and how it can be improved.

At the beginning of the school year, parents/guardians shall be notified in writing about any instruction in which human reproductive organs and their functions, processes, or sexually transmitted diseases are described, illustrated, or discussed. In addition, before any instruction on family life, human sexuality, AIDS or sexually transmitted diseases is given, the parent/guardian shall be provided with written notice explaining that the instruction will be given and information stating the parents/guardian's right to request a copy of Education Code 51201.5 and 51553. 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 48980, 51201.5, 51555)

At the parent/guardian's request, any student may be excused from any part of family life/sex education instruction. (Education Code 51240)

The Superintendent or designee shall keep on file Education Code 51201.5, 51553, 51554, 51555. (Education Code 51201.5, 51554, 51555)

At the beginning of the school year, or at the time of a student's enrollment, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of any outside organization or guest speaker brought into the district to provide instruction on family life, human sexuality, AIDS or sexually transmitted diseases. This notification

shall include the date of the instruction, the name of the organization or affiliation of each guest speaker and information regarding the parent/guardian's right to request a copy of Education Code 51201.5 and 51553.

(Education Code 51554)

Parents/guardians shall also be notified in the manner described above prior to any instruction on family life, human sexuality, AIDS or sexually transmitted diseases at an assembly conducted by a district employee. (Education Code 51554)

During the period of time that instruction described above is being delivered, the district shall provide an alternative educational activity to those students whose parents/guardians have requested that they not receive the instruction. (Education Code 51554)

A student shall not be subject to disciplinary action, academic penalty or other sanction if the student's parent/guardian declines to permit the student to receive the instruction. (Education Code 51554)

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)