

Marion County Board of Education

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1 Boards of education in counties in which the pregnancy rates exceed 19.5 pregnancies per 1,000 females
2 ages fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) shall devise, adopt and implement a program of family life
3 education according to the guidelines established by the State Board of Education.¹
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5 The Board shall annually evaluate the program and shall conduct public hearings and parental conferences
6 at least once (1) each September as part of the evaluation.
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8 A parent who chooses not to have a student participate in the family life education program shall submit
9 such request in writing to the director of schools. A student who is excused from family life instruction
10 shall be assigned alternative activities and shall not be penalized academically.
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12 Prior to implementing the family life education curriculum, the Board shall conduct at least one (1) public
13 hearing at which the plan will be explained and parents and community members shall be given the
14 opportunity to express their opinions.
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16 The goals of instruction for the family life education program shall be to:

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- 18 1. Provide accurate information about human reproduction, including conception, birth, and prenatal
- 19 care, with specific emphasis on the family unit and the responsibilities and consequences relating
- 20 to sexual activity;
- 21 2. Adapt this information to the age and grade level of students;
- 22 3. Promote, encourage and increase communication between parents and students;
- 23 4. Increase decision-making skills;
- 24 5. Offer information that will help students act responsibly; and
- 25 6. Enhance and develop the student's self-esteem.
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27 Within these goals and at appropriate age and grade levels, the information presented will include:

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- 29 1. Anatomy, physiology, and psychology of adolescence and sexual growth;
- 30 2. Marriage and responsibilities of family life;
- 31 3. Responsibilities of parents and child care;
- 32 4. Legal aspects of sexual conduct;
- 33 5. Self-respect, self-control, and individual differences among people;
- 34 6. Community resources; and
- 35 7. Pregnancy and childbirth.
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37 Instruction on family life education shall emphasize that abstinence from sexual relations is the only
38 method of protection that is 100% effective.
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40 Personnel involved in instruction regarding human sexuality will conduct such instruction with maturity
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1 and discretion. Personnel providing family life instruction shall receive in-service training prior to
2 presenting such instruction.

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4 Audiotaping of Family Life Curriculum classes shall be allowed, but videotaping is not.
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