

# INSTRUCTION

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## FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

### Curriculum

1. The curriculum for Family Life Education shall be in accordance with the standards developed by the Virginia Department of Education.
2. The curriculum will be developed under the direction of the Associate Superintendent for Instruction or designee and shall be reviewed at least annually.
3. The curriculum shall be approved by the School Board.
4. The curriculum shall be delivered through the health and pe program by instructors who have been trained to present the curriculum.
5. The Superintendent or designee will appoint a team to review and revise the curriculum as needed. The committee may include community representation.
6. A summary of the curriculum shall be provided to parents for review and to explain the concepts that will be presented to students. All summaries shall include the following statement: "Parents and guardians have the right to review the family life education program offered by their school division, including written and audio-visual educational materials used in the program. Parents and guardians also have the right to excuse their child from all or part of family life education instruction."

### Instruction and Instructional Materials

1. All instructional materials used in the family life curriculum shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee.
2. All materials available to students for circulation through the libraries or other sources must be approved by the School Board.
3. All family life sessions related to sensitive sexual topics may be presented to single-sex groups.
4. Parents shall be given the opportunity to review the curriculum and instructional materials used to deliver the curriculum.
5. Community members may not be invited to deliver any part of the family life curriculum without the recommendation of the Superintendent and approval of the School Board.

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6. Any request for a community member to be a part of the instructional program must include an explanation of the topic and materials to be included.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-207.1; 22.1-207.2.

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Virginia Department of Education, Family Life Education; Board of Education Guidelines and Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools (revised 2009)

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards\\_docs/family\\_life/familylife\\_guidelines\\_standards.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/family_life/familylife_guidelines_standards.pdf)

Cross References: IIA Instructional Materials  
INB Teaching About Controversial Issues  
KLB Public Complaints About Learning Resources