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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (FLE)

Generally

The Charlottesville School Board provides Family Life Education (FLE) based on the FLE Standards of Learning (SOL) objectives developed by the Virginia Department of Education. The SOL objectives related to dating violence and the characteristics of abusive relations are taught at least once in middle school and at least twice in high school. The high school FLE curriculum incorporates age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on the prevention of dating violence, domestic abuse, sexual harassment and sexual violence.

Community Involvement Team

Under the procedures adopted by the Board, a community involvement team shall be established. The team may include but not be limited to school administrators, teachers, parents, clergy, medical professionals, mental health professionals, and others in the community.

Staff Training

Teachers in the FLE program participate in the training program sponsored by the Department of Education.

Separate Sessions

Portions of classes in the FLE program which deal exclusively with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions. A plan for teaching sensitive content will be announced publicly.

"Opt-out" Procedures

An "opt-out" procedure is provided to ensure communication with the parent or guardian for permission for students to be excused from all or part of the program.

Curriculum Annual Review

The FLE curriculum shall be reviewed annually. Such review shall allow for community participation. No outside agency will be able to provide Family Life Education curriculum without Superintendent recommendation and Board approval.

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Right of Parental Review

A parent or guardian shall have the right to review the family life curricula, including all supplemental materials used in the program.

The School Board shall develop and distribute to the parents or guardians of students participating in the family life education program a summary designed to assist them in understanding the program implemented in its school division and to encourage parental guidance and involvement in the instruction of the students. Such information shall reflect the curricula of the program as taught in the classroom. The following statement will be included on the summary: "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."

There will be an annual review of the Family Life curriculum or as needed if revisions are proposed.

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Legal References: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-207.1; 22.1-207.2.
8 VAC 20-131-170

Virginia Department of Education, Family Life Education: Board of Education Guidelines and Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools (revised June 2011 Updated December 2014)

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/family_life/family_life_guidelines_standards.pdf

Cross References.: BCF Advisory Committees to the School Board
IIA Instructional Materials
INB Teaching About Controversial Issues
KLB Public Complaints About Learning Resources