

# INSTRUCTION

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## FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (FLE)

### Generally

The Charlottesville City 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 and may include instruction that increases student awareness of the fact that consent is required before sexual activity and age-appropriate elements of effective and evidence-based programs on the law and meaning of consent.

### Community Involvement Team

Under procedures approved by the School Board, a community involvement team is established. The team includes but is not 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 conduct in gender-separated classes is 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.

### Annual Review

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

### Right of Parental Review

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A parent or guardian has 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 FLE 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 is 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.

- Adopted: July 16, 1998
- Revised: March 18, 2004
- Revised: April 17, 2008
- Revised: June 18, 2009
- Revised: June 16, 2011
- Revised: June 30, 2015
- Revised: June 27, 2016
- Revised: June 20, 2017

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-207.1:1, 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

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